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Sequel To Seizures By Hong Kong CustomsHotel
Strikes
Loom

The deadline set by the service employees of the Colony's eleven leading hotels and catering establishments for acceptance of their demand for a \$35-a-month wage increase reached yesterday without any response from the employers.

The establishments affected are the Hong Kong Peninsula, Republic Bay, Gloucester, Harbour View and Arlington Hotels, the Lido, the Dairies, the Gloucester Lounge and Wines.

The men have asked for a \$35-a-month increase in their basic wages which are at present (irrespective of tips) in most cases under \$20 a month, an annual increment of \$2, and certain improvements in service conditions.

The deadline was fixed at a meeting on Saturday when dissatisfaction was expressed at the refusal of the managements to consider the demand for what the men regard as "a reasonable working wage".

Separate meetings of various groups of workers were held at midnight last night to consider the action to be taken in view of the employers' refusal to meet the demand.

Officials of the Foreign Service Workers Union, to which the men belong, were present at all the meetings and urged a strike of all the employees involved.

Most of the meetings were still in progress at the time of going to press, and it is expected that the decisions arrived at will be considered at Union headquarters today.

The number involved in the dispute is estimated to be well over 2,000.

Ultimatum
To Fishery
Strikers

When 284 book-keepers, clerks, weighers, tallymen and coolies of the Hong Kong Fisheries Marketing Section struck work yesterday, Government gave them 24 hours in which to return.

If the strikers do not report for duty by midday today, their services will be dispensed with and new employees recruited.

As a result of the strike, the fisheries market has suspended operations temporarily and fishermen were informed yesterday that they could take their catches direct to the retailers in the Central Market for disposal.

The Fisheries authorities hope to have the market operating by the week-end.

It was learned yesterday that the authorities have definitely refused the demand by strikers, who are not Government employees, for full Government fixed rehabilitation allowances since the men were getting wages comparatively higher than Government employees.

Fishing circles said yesterday that the majority of the strikers were merely following their Union's resolution and have no desire to strike.

LAST RITES

In the presence of Commodore S. H. Carrill, D.S.O., R.N., Chief of Staff to the C-in-C, and Mrs. Carrill, Lt. Commander P. J. Carrill, D.S.C., R.N., Commodore Hong Kong Staff, the ashes of the late Rear-Admiral Arthur Horace Walker were yesterday buried in the same grave at the Colonial Cemetery as his late son, Lt. A. R. H. Walker, R.N.

The Rev. Clifford Davis, officiated at the graveside.

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Forty Armed Men New Zealand
Threaten Captain To Pull Out
Of Japan

Forty Chinese in plain clothes and armed with rifles boarded the Dutch (JCLP) 6,600-ton liner "Tijlaleangka" in Amoy harbour in broad daylight and threatened to shoot Captain J. Burger and the ship's comrade unless a sum of HK\$7,000 was paid, the "China Mail" learned from authoritative sources last night.

The incident occurred at the beginning of the month and was a sequel to the seizure in Hong Kong of a considerable quantity of unmanifested cargo on board the "Tijlaleangka" on the eve of the vessel's departure for Amoy.

At the same time, the police found some stowaways (owners of the unmanifested goods) and took them off the ship.

One or two of the men then brought air passages for Amoy, where they landed before the arrival of the "Tijlaleangka".

In Amoy, a gang was organised to visit the vessel and demand compensation. The men accused Captain Burger and the Chinese comrade of giving information to the Hong Kong Revenue Department resulting in the seizure of their goods.

Displaying intense animosity and threatening to kill the Captain, the conspirators and other officers, the armed men demanded HK\$7,000—the amount they claimed they had lost as a result of the seizure.

To avoid an unpleasant incident, which inevitably would have held the ship up indefinitely, Captain Burger decided to pay the demand.

The men were then taken to the company's branch office in Amoy and paid HK\$7,000.

To avoid similar incidents in the future, JCLP ships from now on will travel direct to Amoy from Singapore, instead of touching at Hong Kong first en route.

From Hong Kong, the ships will continue to Shanghai.

AUSTRALIAN
BANKS TO BE
NATIONALISED

Canberra, Nov. 11.—The Australian House of Representatives adopted the bill to nationalise Australian private banks on second reading. The vote was 40 to 27.

Urging the passage, Prime Minister J. B. Chifley, said: "The Government brings the bank measures before the people actuated by one motive—the goal of the nation's future."

He rejected a demand of opposition leader Robert Menzies that the measure be submitted to a national referendum.—Associated Press.

China Coalition
Split Threatened

Nanking, Nov. 12.—Unless agreement with the Kuomintang can be obtained during the next few days, the Democratic Socialist Party—one of the three parties forming the Coalition Government at present—will withdraw from China's first democratic elections and the responsibility for this decision will rest with the Kuomintang, the spokesman of the Democratic Socialist Party said today.

The spokesman explained that the Party had submitted a list of 400 candidates to the Kuomintang for approval as mutually agreed upon weeks ago, but the Kuomintang will only permit the Democratic Socialist 200 candidates.

"This is the reason for the delay in announcing the Party's candidates," the spokesman declared, adding: "Negotiations are still continuing."

He revealed that Mr. Shu Fu-lin, State Councillor and leader of the Democratic Socialist Party, will call on President Chiang Kai-shek during the next few days.

For weeks past, the Young China and Democratic Socialist parties—only other political groups aside from the Kuomintang—have been part in the elections—have been on what newspapers have called "horse-trading" with the Kuomintang in an effort to secure a quota of "safe" constituencies, wherein the Kuomintang will not name candidates to contest minority parties' chosen seats.

Satisfied with what they had obtained from the talks, the Young China Party recently

presented a list of 280 candidates but negotiations between the Democratic Socialists and the Kuomintang drifted towards a deadlock.

The composition of China's future Parliament may be gleaned from the fact that the Kuomintang list of candidates total 1,758.

Under the new constitution, the Chinese National Assembly will have slightly over 3,000 seats.—Reuter.

STEAMROLLER ON
LORD'S BILL

London, Nov. 12.—The Labour Government's drive to clip the measure powers of the House of Lords today steadily toward fulfillment today, despite the Winston Churchill's cries of "dictatorship".

The government's whacking majority in the House of Commons trampled the opposition to the measure on Tuesday night 348 to 104, pushing the bill through its decisive second reading and toward final enactment.

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Yip Wong, of 6, Gordon Road, 3rd floor, who claimed to be a business, was doing a "little business" with a "clear 200 per cent profit."

But Nemesia in the form of Inspector H. Danbrowsky, of the Bay View Police Station, swooped down upon Yip. He appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. Conklin to answer 23 rent summonses brought against him.

Discharged on one count (seven summonses) for not issuing receipts to his sub-tenants, Yip was fined \$25 (one summons) for failing to furnish the landlord (Bank of China) with a full and true statement showing the names of all sub-tenants and particulars of the part of the premises occupied and the rent payable by the sub-tenants; \$25 (one summons) for failing to affix a declaration of rent payable by the sub-tenants; \$25 on each of seven summonses for failing to serve notice specifying part of the rent to be paid by the sub-tenants; and \$50 on each of seven summonses for overcharging his sub-tenants.

Yip had to pay in all a total fine of \$575, and was ordered to be evicted from November 14.

Personalia

Arrivals at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday included E. Laddewick, A. M. Stackhouse, M. W. Bristol, W. Carr, Lieut. Col. Rice Evans and W. R. Morris. The departures were E. C. Fowle, M. Glin and A. McAllister.

Arrivals at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday included Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Ruffett, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Marshall and Col. and Mrs. J. McKean Fortman. The departures were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. White, J. O'Connor, M. A. Guyot and Mr. and Mrs. G. J. R. Baudin.

The only arrivals at the Republic Bay Hotel yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Christie.

Arrivals Tuesday at the Peninsula Hotel included Sebastian Ugarte, H. P. Stoute, Ho Shen ching, S. Ldr. and Mrs. C. A. Gaudin, Col. and Mrs. R. H. M. Gaudin, L. C. Strafford, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kowick, Capt. and Mrs. James E. Lynch, USA, R. Matheson, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Crane, W. O. Barrington, A. Drummond, Lieut. General Gardner, A. Plenderith, W. Nufel and A. Foulkes.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. Woo Kynting, Miss T. Lapitky, K. C. Johnson, Lill, and Mrs. A. Walker, Mrs. V. L. McMullen, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McBurn, H. C. Nelson, Henri, C. Maux, L. W. Howe, M. E. Patterson, R. Gentile, Wu Si-ling and Lieut. Col. and Mrs. R. C. Lewis.

Cathay Pacific Airways passengers for Manila on Tuesday included Miss Loretta Moran, Miss A. Surprenant, Miss A. Lemelle, Miss Alice Larouche, Miss J. Tremblay, Miss Juliette Choclinard, Miss Diana Chaine, Miss Laura Theron, Miss Irma Ladrantay, Mr. Lim Eng and Mr. Tan Seng-say.

Mr. James Walker, Messrs. Yu Kung, Ko Man, Chan Shai-wah, Chai Ma, Ah Chong, and Yung Luek-fan were among arrivals from Manila by CPA air liner.

Reminders

Today
Central British Association Extraordinary Meeting, Jardines Board Room, 3.45 p.m.
H.K. Teachers' Election of Convenors of Sections, St. Joseph's College, 5 p.m.

Mahjong and Whist Drives, European Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m.
Devali Festival, Cocktail Party by Hindu Association, The Ritz, North Point, 7.30 p.m.
Annual Graduation Day, Heep Yunn School, 3.45 p.m.
Y's Men's Weekly Lunch, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Diocesan Girls' School Speech Day, 5.30 p.m.
Land Auction, Kowloon Magistracy, 11 a.m.
H.K. Welfare Council Meeting to elect new Council, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 3.15 p.m.

NOVEMBER 15
Tao Fong Shan Silver Jubilee Celebration, St. Stephen's Girls' College, Alumni Association Meeting, 175, Benson Road, 3 p.m.
NOVEMBER 16
Hindu "Devali Festival", Children's Party at Indian Recreation Club, 3 to 7 p.m.

Government's New Programme

Government plans for combatting the spreading of tuberculosis in the Colony next year include the setting up of two new clinics, one on each side of the harbour; the expenditure of \$350,000 on free food for T.B. sufferers; and the opening of the Violet Peel centre as an out-patients department.

At a press conference yesterday, the Director of Medical Services, Dr. I. Newton, said these plans had not yet been approved by the Legislative Council but two tuberculosis clinics would be brought out from England to supervise the clinics, and their staff would consist of local medical officers and health visitors. It was proposed to erect these clinics on the spot where the old No. 2 Police station stands and at a point near the Matanching Camp in Argyle St. A small laboratory, dispensary and waiting rooms would be attached to each, and the clinics would be equipped with X-ray apparatus.

Dr. Newton said that the Health Department's policy in its drive against T. B. was a long-term one. There are now 300 beds available for T. B. sufferers but some 3,000 are necessary. The method to be used will concentrate on preventing further cases from arising.

Health visitors will call to the clinics and those who are "open" cases will, if possible, be put into hospital until they are improved and then sent back to their homes and looked after by health visitors.

These health visitors will go to the homes of the T. B. patients and advise on ordinary household and advice of hygiene with a view to preventing spreading of the disease around them. Dr. Newton said that it was likely that mobile canteens would be used in the feeding of outpatients.

Giving some figures of treatment of the disease at the Harcourt clinic in Wanchai, which has been open for six months, Dr. Newton said that in October 1,006 people made first visits to the clinic; 659 of these were voluntary, 67 were referred by hospitals and 51 by doctors. Altogether 67 of these were people in contact with

Hyderabad, Nov. 11. Talks between the Governments of Hyderabad (India) and Portugal for the acquisition of Marmagao, the Portuguese port on the west coast of India, by Hyderabad, were urged here today by S. M. Alam, the chief engineer of Hyderabad State Railways.

Hyderabad needed the seaport to expand its trade and commerce, Alam said, adding: "Historically we have claims on Masulipatam, the Madras Province port, on the east coast."

"I understand that the Portuguese are likely to sell their port of Marmagao. This port is admirably suited for us. We should therefore negotiate with the Portuguese and Indian Governments for the acquisition of Marmagao. We should then have our own merchant navy and also develop a shipbuilding yard at Marmagao."—Reuter.

Further he gave me the impression that he was entirely disinterested in the matter and certainly offered no assistance.

It would have been in the Public Interest if Mr. Blair-Kerr had made the public to know the department of the police force matters of this nature should be reported and how these black-tears could be brought to justice.

Without meaning to presume, your paper would be doing a great public service if it would investigate the whole business of key-money and the methods open to the public to combat it.

No Credit
Sir,—At the risk of censure for adding to a topic on which too many thoughtless people have already written for too much, I feel that a comment upon the gift for Princess Elizabeth and Lt. Mountbatten which is now being displayed in the Gloucester Arcade is in order.

The chest is beautiful, and a fine example of local craftsmanship, but the silks are most disappointing. The display as it stands looks ridiculous, both in quality and quantity, and certainly does not credit to the Colony. Would it not seem better to send no silks at all than to make such a selection?

I realize, of course, that there is very little silk loomed in Hong Kong, but it seems that if suitable materials cannot be found here, it might be in order to include imported Chinese silks and brocades which would be suitable for a gift of this importance.

INTERESTED AMERICAN.

HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND
Public subscription received on Nov. 12, 1947.—The Pui Yee Government A.M. School, \$51.90; Total: \$13.93. Hong Kong Government Contributions, \$13.93. Received to 11.11.47 \$3,006.13; Grand Total \$3,020.06.

Sikh Devali Festival
Yesterday, the Hindu community celebrated the Devali Festival at the Sikh Temple, where free meals were offered to all those who required it irrespective of race or creed from noon till about 4 p.m.

At 8 p.m., a social gathering religious services were held in the temple and fruits and sweets distributed to all present.

Among the very large gathering that attended were Messrs. S. Kalschand, M. T. Assomani, F. T. Molwand, G. B. Mahabadi, B. S. Rathour and J. B. Rama.

Chief Officer Of Prison Retiring

On the occasion of the impending departure from the Colony on retirement of Mr. J. W. Fitzgerald, Chief Officer of Stanley Prison, a reception was held at the Prison Officers' Club last evening when a presentation from members of the prison staff in the form of a silver cigarette box, suitably inscribed was presented.

Mr. C. J. Norman, Assistant Superintendent of Prisons and president of the club, made presentation, "a memento of our appreciation and affection for him."

"Mr. Fitzgerald," he said, "in the course of a life time of public service has worn several uniforms including those of the Royal Navy, the Prison and the H.K.V.D.C. in which he served as Lieutenant during the defence of Stanley."

A toast to the health of Mr. Fitzgerald was proposed by Commander W. H. O. Harrison, Superintendent of Prisons.

Mr. Fitzgerald thanked fellow members of the Club for their gift and for the entertainment afforded him.

Mr. Fitzgerald joined the Prison Department in 1921 and had been Chief Officer for the past 16 years.

A Freemason, he holds the ranks of Past Master, Past Warrant Master, Past Excellent Master, Past Z. Past Most Excellent Chief, Past Commander Noah, Past Thrice Illustrious Master and member of Phoenix Chapter, Rose Croix.

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Sandviken Robbery

Mr. A. Andreassen was complainant before Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central yesterday when Wong Tse-iam, 27, painter and Trol Ping-chuen, 34, were charged with larceny and receiving respectively.

First defendant was given 12 months' hard labour and a recommendation for banishment, while second defendant was discharged.

It was alleged by Inspector Brownrigg that first defendant on Nov. 6, in the capacity of painter, went on board the "Sandviken" in Taikoo Dock and stole two Parker fountain pens, a platinum watch, a gold wrist watch, a metal watch and a pair of spectacles to the total value of \$2,186.

REMEMBRANCE FUND
Previously acknowledged \$17,657
"Norse Queen's St. Leger Prize" 2,500
First Church of Christ Scientist 50
St. John's Cathedral—Collection 105
The Filipino Club 50
Central Police Station 250

Total \$40,612

WEDDING GIFT FUND
Public subscription received on 12.11.47—Mr. & Mrs. P. S. Cassidy \$25; Received to 11.11.47 \$2,994; Total \$2,419.

The body of an unknown Chinese child, aged about two years, was picked up by the Shamshui Police shortly after noon yesterday.

NO TICKETS
For entering the Kau U Fong theatre without tickets at 8.20 p.m. on Tuesday, Lai Shui-hong, Lau Shau and Sham Shan-kin were all fined \$25 or one week by Mr. E. K. d'Almeida at Central yesterday.

Mr. H. J. Musford of the Tax Department prosecuted.

Three stray dogs, unlicensed and untagged, were shot by the Shamshui Police yesterday.

Organised Theft From Taikoo Dock

That "an organisation is operating in the Taikoo Dockyard" was alleged by Inspector D. G. MacPherson in his case against five men charged with conspiracy to steal two electric motors, property of the Taikoo Dockyard, valued at \$2,000, yesterday at the Central Magistracy.

Convicted by Mr. Conklin; Fung Lai Fok, boatman; Kwok Kwan, boiler maker; Lai Yan, boatman; and Lo Hung, boatman, were each sentenced to nine months' hard labour, while Chek Yung Leung, paint scraper, employee of the Taikoo Dockyard, who lived in the Taikoo Quarters and had a previous conviction for larceny, was sentenced to 15 months' hard labour.

According to watchmen of the Dockyard, three men were seen walking towards the waterfront in the Dockyard at about 1 a.m. on November 5. They were followed by six men, who apparently were carrying a heavy load, and who were in turn followed by another three men.

They disappeared near the slipway, and later two sampans were seen about 200 yards offshore. The watchmen gave chase in a motor launch and hauled in the five men.

Inspector MacPherson observed that in view of the fact that 12 men were seen by one witness at that time of the night when no one is allowed, it "is apparent that an organisation is operating in the vicinity of the Dockyard."

Bluejacket In Trouble

Ordinary Seaman I. H. Whalley of HMS "Contest" was fined \$25 and ordered to pay \$50 compensation by Mr. W. H. Lattimer at Kowloon yesterday for malicious damage to a navigation lamp, the property of the "Star" Ferry Co.

It was alleged by Inspector Orem, for the prosecution, that accused with A/B Wild (who was acquitted), and other sailors boarded the launch at 11.15 p.m. on Tuesday.

As the "Night Star" was leaving the Kowloon pier, the accused, it was alleged, untied the port navigation lamp and threw it into the harbour. The launch was put about, and when it had tied up to the wharf defendant and Wild were taken to the Water Police Station.

Taxi Driver Denies Incident

As the result of a complaint to the Traffic Office that a taxi had almost caused a serious accident on the Shek-O Road, a taxi driver appeared in court before Mr. d'Almeida yesterday on a charge of dangerous driving.

Defendant pleaded that he was not the driver of the car as he did not go to Shek-O on that day. He was a driver for the Shanghai Taxi Company and his car number was 4027; he only went as far as Repulse Bay and not Shek-O.

Mr. d'Almeida said that as the complainant had no reason to invent the whole story he found accused guilty and fined him \$200 with the option of one month's hard labour.

"PHONEY" STORY ALLEGED
At the request of the prosecution, Wu Cheung, 68, returned overseas Chinese, residing at the Tai Tung Hotel, was remanded for 24 hours by Mr. E. K. d'Almeida at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Wu is charged with misinforming Police of an alleged armed robbery at the "Man Kwok Hotel" on Nov. 10.

KOWLOON ARREST
Mr. F. X. d'Almeida, at the request of the prosecution, remanded Ng Ming-tai, unemployed, 26, and Lui Chun, 32, labourer, for three days in police custody.

Arrested at the Fu Kwai Lau Tea House, 1st Floor, Reclamation St., Kowloon, on November 10, Ng appeared yesterday at the Central Magistracy on charges of possessing a revolver with 12 rounds of ammunition and, with Lui, of realising arrest.

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TRIAD SOCIETY MEMBERS SENT TO PRISON

"There will soon be nothing left of this society," commented Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, when three members of the notorious Wo Shing Wo Triad Society appeared before His Worship on a charge of being members of an unlawful organisation.

The first accused, Cheung Lun, 21, was originally charged with street gambling. The additional count of being a Triad society member was brought against him yesterday by S/I Cochrane.

He was arrested at 5 p.m. on Nov. 8, running a street gambling school at Pelho Street near Ap Lu Street. The game played was the "awindie known as Red and Green," said S/I Cochrane.

At Shamshui Police Station, Cheung admitted being a member of the Wo Shing Wo. He was fined \$25 for street gambling and sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment on the additional charge.

"These two men were also arrested by the Shamshui Police," declared Det. Sub-Inspector C. Pope when he prosecuted Chan Sai-pang, 22, and Tao Kau, 22, with being members of the Wo Shing Wo.

First defendant said that he had been a member of the past seven years, and paid an entrance fee of \$3.30. At that time he was a student. He did not know that the Wo Shing Wo was a "lan-tai" (bad characters) organisation.

His claim to being Hong Kong-born being accepted, accused was sentenced to six months' hard labour, to be followed by two years' Police supervision.

Tao Kau claimed that he joined only a month ago, paying an entrance fee of \$30 to one Fung Sai outside the Yau-mai Theatre. He was compelled to join, as he had been threatened with bodily harm. He did not know that the organisation was one of "lan-tai."

He was sentenced to three months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

NO STAMPS
For issuing two receipts for rent of \$90 each from Lam Leung, without stamps, Young Tung Sang, of 1 Ching Sing Lane, was fined \$80 by Mr. Conklin at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Defendant was allowed to have broken into 90 Connaught Road West and stole articles to the value of \$1,391 and also from 77 Connaught Road West articles to the value of \$100.

HOUSE-BREAKING CHARGE

A three-day remand was granted by Mr. J. G. Conklin when two charges of house-breaking were preferred against Ng Muk Shui, 26, of no fixed abode.

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MAGISTRATE PREFERS NEW CHARGE

Key-Money Issue In Rents Case

A case of unusual interest, in that the presiding Magistrate personally preferred an additional charge of accepting key-money, was tried in Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's Court in Kowloon yesterday.

The charge was added by Mr. Blair-Kerr after evidence had been heard on five charges of overcharging rent by Mo Kit-wan from his four sub-tenants at 56½ Nathan Road, ground floor, and failing to notify his tenants of the rent he paid to the landlord.

Defendant, represented by Mr. Peter H. Sin, was fined \$1,500 on the five counts, and an additional \$2,000 on the key-money charge, or, in lieu thereof, 13 months' hard labour.

Defendant was also ordered to vacate the premises and to reimburse each of his sub-tenants for the excess amount he had collected from them, a total of \$1,225, within six days of judgment.

Sub-Inspector T. Dow, prosecuting, said that the four sub-tenants took joint action by requesting, in writing, the landlord to reduce the rents. When he refused to do so, they reported the matter to the Yau-matli Police Station.

Lam Mo-hon, one sub-tenant, stated that he had to pay \$30 per month for a 104 square feet cubicle, while Liang Lok-tien paid \$300 for a fixed room and a cubicle.

Defendant, it was stated, paid only a rental of \$80 per month, and collected about \$450 from his sub-tenants.

"No wonder our cost of living is so high with people like you dealing in the blackmarket in this fashion," declared His Worship.

"For Furniture"

The first witness, Lam Mo-hon, testified that he had to pay \$200 as key-money, while Liang Lok-tien declared that he paid \$1,000 key-money for which he duly received a receipt "for furniture." "I did not receive any furniture when I moved in," asserted Liang.

At this stage of the proceedings, His Worship asked the prosecuting officer why defendant was not charged with accepting key-money. S.I. Dow replied that he had received instructions to proceed only on the five charges.

His Worship: "Well, I am going to frame a charge in regard to this key-money business."

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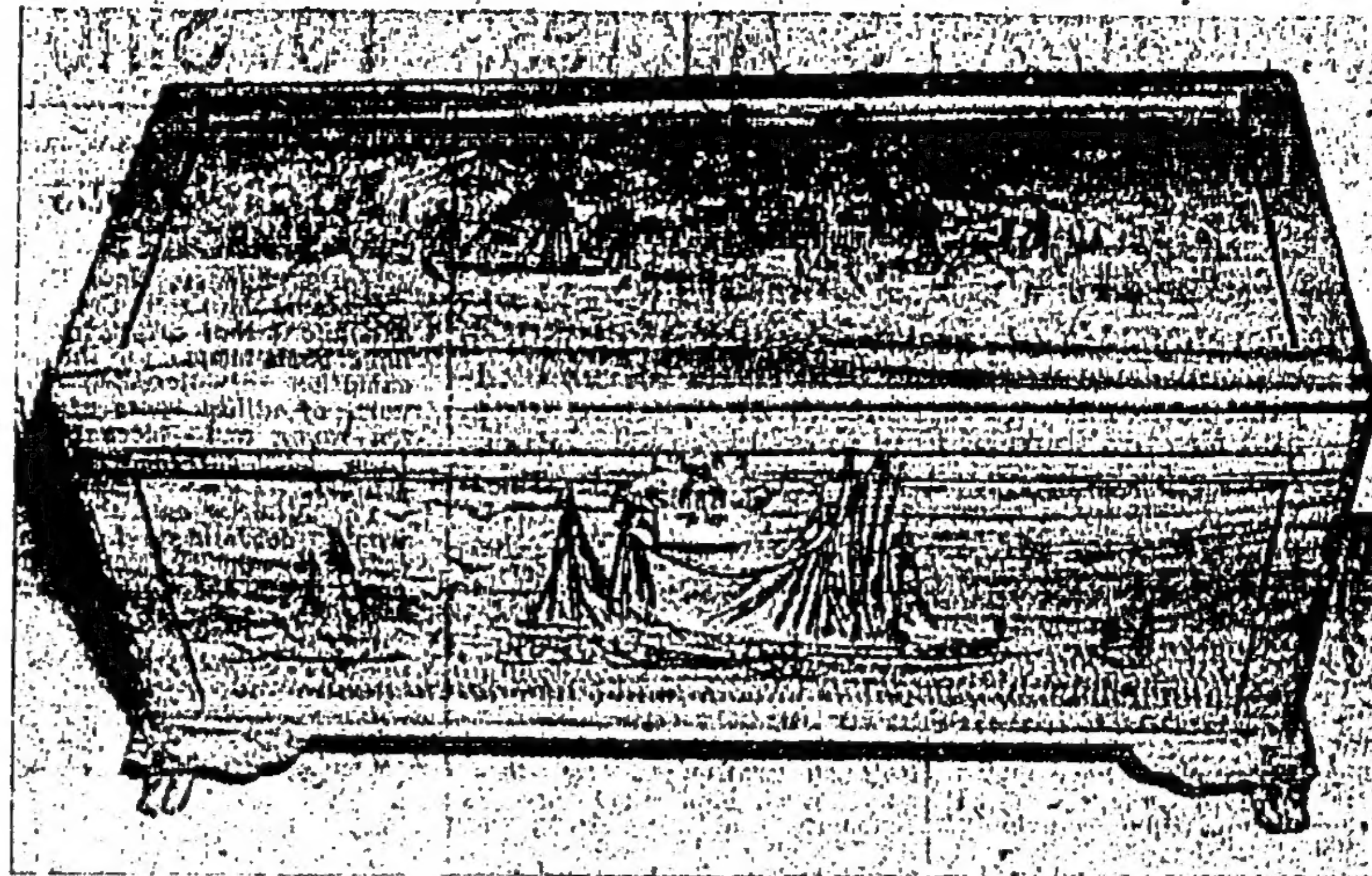
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The marvellously carved camphorwood chest which forms one of the main items in Hong Kong's wedding gift to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth. The gift is on exhibition in the Gloucester Arcade. ("China Mail" photo)

Mainly Conservative!

London, Nov. 11.

The Mayor and 28 Councillors of Ilk Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, were weighed in a ceremony yesterday in observance of a 700-year-old custom based on determining whether the town officials had been working during their term of office.

The "Daily Herald," Labour Party newspaper, gleefully reported that nearly all of the officials had gained weight—traditionally assumed to mean that they have not been working hard—despite the warnings about the British diet.

The "Herald" also noted that the Councillors were predominantly Conservative.

—United Press.

V-J Stores Win Legal Dispute

Judgment was given in favour of defendants by Mr. T. J. Gould (Additional Judge) in the Supreme Court yesterday, in the legal tussle between the Asia Embroidery Co. and Po Wing Shoe Dealers (plaintiffs) and the V-J Store (defendants), all of 14-B Hankow Road, Kowloon, on the issue whether plaintiffs, who occupied certain portions of the shop, were sub-tenants or licensees.

Plaintiffs claimed that they were sub-tenants and as such were protected by the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947.

Defendants contended that by virtue of agreement entered into between the parties, plaintiffs were only licensees.

His Lordship, in his judgment, said the evidence of neither side could be accepted in full, but was consistent more with the plaintiffs occupying their portions of the premises as licensees than as sub-tenants, one of the counters being shared with defendants for common use.

Plaintiffs were represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, K.C. (instructed by Mr. A.S.C. Comber), and defendants by Mr. Percy Chen, (instructed by Mr. J.M. d'Almada Remedios).

Opening for defendants, Mr. Percy Chen said his clients had no case to answer as on the evidence alone the plaintiffs had failed.

Mr. Chen, after withdrawing this submission, said defendants had nothing to do with the Asia Embroidery Co. or the Po Wing Shoe Dealers. They had only a personal arrangement with Messrs. Lee and Doo. Mr. Chen submitted that plaintiffs must show lease of specified portions of the premises. Concerning the advertisement in the "Kung Sheung Yat Po" there was no evidence as to who had inserted it. There were no documents or receipts indicating the rental payable. Defendants would refute the suggestion that any money was paid by way of rental. The Asia Embroidery Co. did nothing for a year or more to indicate a tenancy in respect of any portion of the premises. The Po Wing Shoe Dealers never put up a signboard. Defendants were commission agents and Lee and Doo were admitted to the premises to sell goods on a commission basis.

Miss Pearl Wong, of the V-J Store, was in the box the greater part of the day, giving evidence in support of defendant.

Greek Atrocities

London, Nov. 11.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that Britain has decided to "call to the attention of the Greek Government" reports that Greek gendarmes have engaged in atrocities against Leftist rebels, including the decapitation of captives.

The Government's decision, the spokesman said, followed publication of pictures by the "Daily Mirror," purporting to show Greek gendarmes carrying the heads of decapitated rebels.

"We have no confirmation of atrocities committed both by the Right and the Left in Greece."

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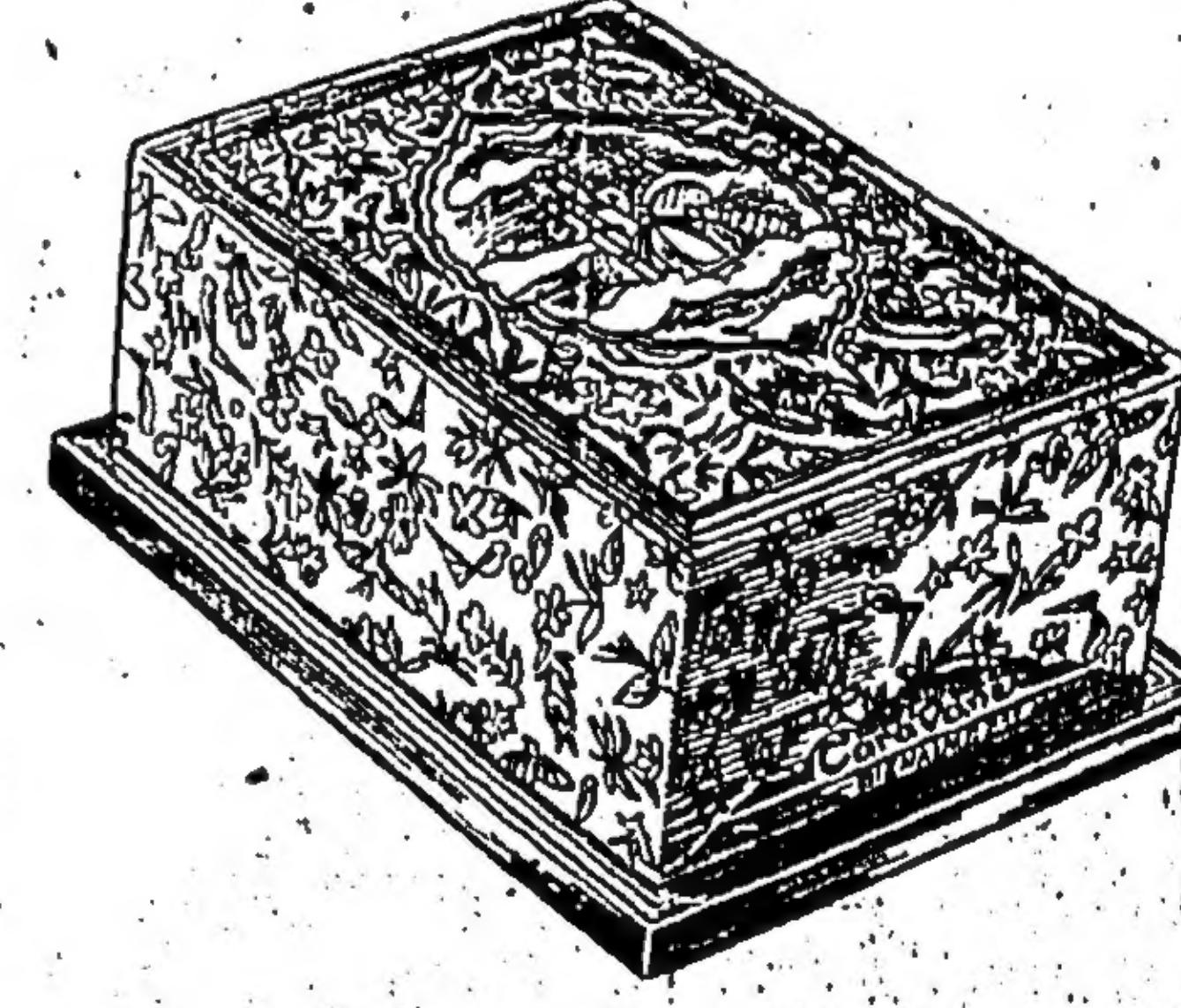
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Bringing Admiral C. M. Cooke, Commander of the U.S. Naval Forces in the West Pacific, the USS "Estes," accompanied by USS "Atlanta," "Rupertus" and "Mason," arrived in the harbour at 10.30 a.m. yesterday on a five-day visit.

A 21-gun salute by USS "Estes" was returned by HMS "London," which arrived here a few days ago from the United Kingdom to become the Flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, Commander-in-Chief of the British Pacific Fleet.

After the American warships had secured to buoy, the Officer of the Guard called on USS "Estes" after which the Liaison Officers of the host ships called on their opposite numbers.

Before Admiral Cooke left "Estes" for Queen's Pier to inspect a guard of honour, calls were made on the American Flagship by the American Consul General, Vice-Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, Flag Officer (Air), Far East, Commodore C.E. Robertson, Major-General Erskine, and Air Commodore Webster.

At Queen's Pier, Admiral Cooke inspected a Guard of Honour provided by HMS "Tamar" and then proceeded to Government House to call on Sir Alexander Grantham.

Following a cocktail party on board HMS "Flycatcher," Admiral Cooke and Senior officers of the visiting warships dined at Admiralty House.

Today Admiral Cooke will be host at a dinner party on USS "Estes." He will visit Canton by air tomorrow.

On Saturday there will be a cocktail party at the American Club for Admiral Cooke and his officers and later Admiral Cooke, accompanied by eight officers, will have dinner with the U.S. Consul General, Mr. Hopper.

On Sunday, Mr. R.H. Pearson will be host at lunch to Admiral Cooke and seven of his officers, and in the evening Sir Alexander Grantham will give a dinner party at Government House.

The visiting American warships are scheduled to sail for Singapore on Monday.

Landing arrangements have been made for American officers at Queen's Pier on the Island, and

the Police Pier in Kowloon, and for other ranks at Blake Pier on the Island and at the Police Pier, near the "Star" Ferry.

For driving a vehicle in a manner dangerous to the public, Ip Chung, 27, of 3 New Village, Tai Hang, was found guilty and fined \$400, with a recommendation that his licence be suspended for four months, by Mr. J.G. Conklin at Central yesterday.

While working cargo on board the s.s. "Trevean" yesterday, Chan Mun, 30-year-old casual labourer, fell 30 feet into the hold. He was removed to Kowloon Hospital suffering from severe shock. His condition was reported to be fair.

'Something No One Dares To Say'

Hamburg, Nov. 11.
Lady Astor, a former Conservative Member of Parliament, on a ten-day tour of the British zone of Germany, told a press conference of 40 German journalists today that everybody knows that Jewish displaced persons want to go to America and not to Palestine but nobody dares say it.

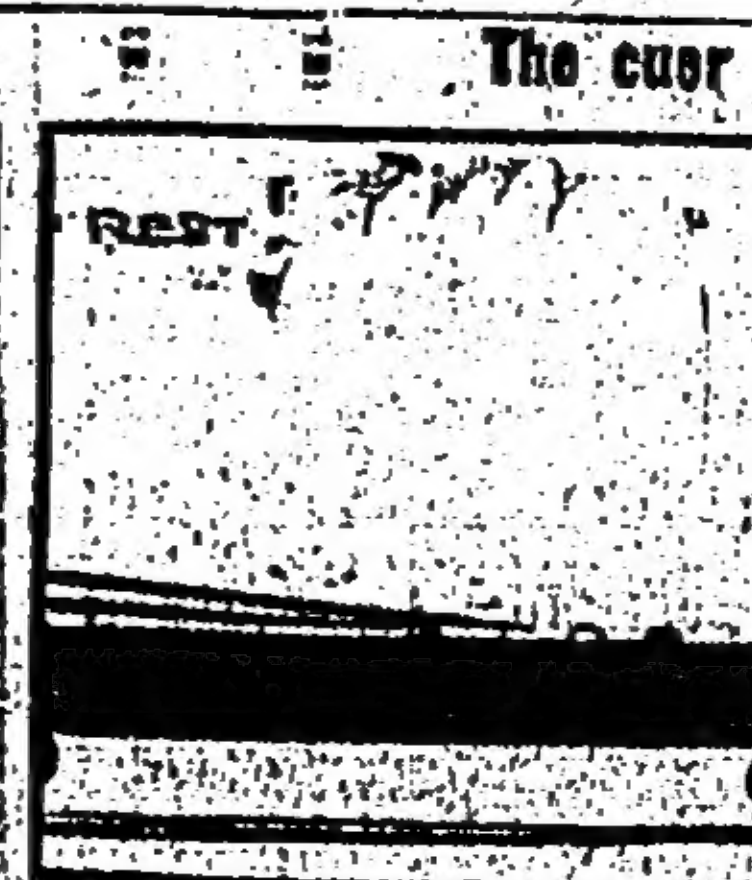
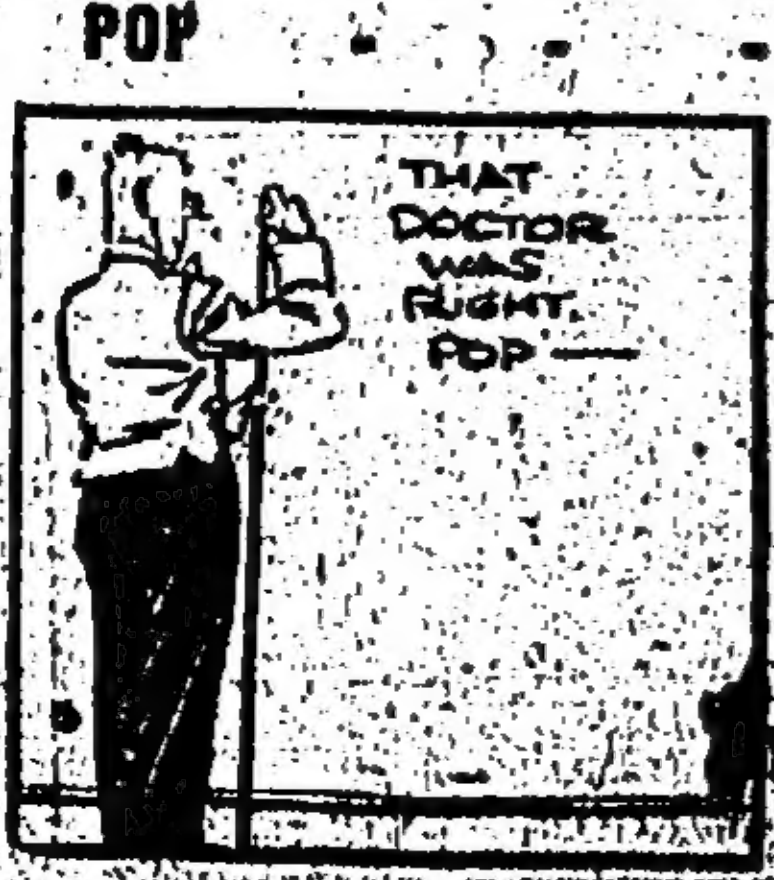
She was not anti-Jewish, she said, but anti-Zionist, and against the Jewish gangsters in Palestine who were slowing things up and shooting British soldiers and who were responsible for anti-Semitism in the world.

Anti-Semitism was also created by the propaganda and misstatements in the United States press where space could

only be bought for Zionist advertising, she added.

"There were lots of stories about Jewish displaced persons in camps but nothing was said about the Christians also in camps—giving an impression that only Jews were there."

"I always liked the Germans—maybe because I do not know you well enough to dislike you," she said.—Reuter.



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Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, 13th November 1947.

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FRictionless SOCIETY

Mr. Crozier's Address To Sino-British Club

Need For Political Universalism

The development of society from the primitive communities of pre-historic times to the complex national governments of modern days, and the problem of how to secure a frictionless relationship between the political state and a world society, was the subject of an address yesterday by Mr. D. J. S. Crozier, chairman, before the History Group of the Sino-British Club.

Mr. Crozier stressed the need for sympathy and understanding rather than of mere knowledge as the proper approach to the subject.

Mr. Crozier pointed out that civilization seems to have matured in the 19th century, and the advance of printing contributed no doubt to this, while international harmony was achieved in some matters, such as the International Court of Justice, but he showed how the recurring fits of international insanity threw the world into conflict, and how in spite of great advances in social science so little was being done to prevent famine and starvation and unemployment in a world of plenty.

The speaker drew an analogy

from the feeling of frustrated isolation experienced by those who were imprisoned by the Japanese, and how strong was the yearning for contact with world forces. In his view, comfort could come from the spiritual vision of the Christian Church, for in the sight of God all men are equal and in God there is one supreme spiritual authority. The alternative is anarchy.

Nation States

Just as the little communities of Europe grew, after the collapse of the Roman Empire in the 6th century, into self-contained feudal units, so have the latter grown, in later times, into centralized national states. Society grew in these nation-states, but with the expansion of trade, society expanded beyond national boundaries.

At first, the rich, then the middle-classes, and, finally, the whole community has been able to buy more and better things. The same has happened with thought and culture, which recognize no national boundaries. This was formed by the State, but the State then began to obstruct it. The merchants, the scientists and the intellectuals have helped to knit the world together, and in this they have come up against the schemes of politicians. The scientists and the philosophers have directed the genius of mankind to the common purposes of a society which has become cosmopolitan.

To develop social life man must have freedom, and the dictators have inverted this cardinal fact.

Concluding, the speaker said that there is need for cosmopolitanism, and he saw nothing inconsistent between legitimate pride in national achievements with political universalism. Just as national society developed under unified sovereignty, so a cosmopolitan society can only achieve greatness and security under a universal sovereignty.

The ideal of the Pax Romana and of the Pax Britannica lives in the conception of a United Nations. They must not be merely united; they must have unity.

PIECE GOODS IMPORTS

Sydney, Nov. 11. Customs Minister Courtice announced that arrangements have been made for the resumption of licensing imports of utility types of cotton rayon and piece goods from easy currency supply sources.

The Minister said that this would compensate to some extent for the restrictions on goods from the dollar areas.

—Reuter.

Honour For Princess Elizabeth

London, Nov. 11. Princess Elizabeth today became a member of the 600-year-old Order of the Garter, the premier Order of Britain, when the King invested her with the insignia at a private ceremony at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess will wear the Order's broad ribbon in kingfisher blue, bearing the motto "Honi soit qui mal y pense" (Evil be to him who evil thinks) in golden letters, at her wedding next week. The only other women members of the Order are the Queen, Queen Mary and Queen Wilhelmina of The Netherlands.—Reuter.

JEWISH "EMERGENCY" MOBILISATION

Jerusalem, Nov. 11. The Jewish National Council—Vaad Leumi—called tonight for the immediate mobilisation of all Jewish "emergency", expected to arise with the setting up of a separate Jewish state.

Coupled with the call, placing Palestine's 650,000 Jews on a virtual war footing, was a series of resolutions strongly condemning terrorism as a danger to the establishment of the Jewish state.

One of the methods decided by the council for raising money for the "security chest", was a "house curfew" placing all the Jews in Palestine under household arrest while thousands of collectors made the rounds of their homes.

"By this means we hope that no one will escape the net," the Jewish spokesman said.—Reuter.

London, Nov. 11. General Salih Omar, the Chief of the Turkish General Staff and head of the Turkish Military Mission now visiting this country, was received in audience by the King today.—Reuter.

Russia Wants Action Against Spain

Lake Success, Nov. 11. The United States has opposed a demand by the Soviet bloc that the United Nations take all possible economic action—short of actual war—to force the fall of the Franco regime in Spain.

Charles Fahy, American alternate delegate, told the UNO Assembly's Political Committee that the US was against any action which "would initiate change by violence". He said that, instead, the Spanish people "in due time and in their own way" will take steps to regain their place in the family of nations.

Doctor Oscar Lange, the Polish delegate who originally laid charges against Generalissimo Franco in the Security Council in April 1946, renewed the fight against Franco by calling on the Committee and the Assembly to apply a UN charter provision for "complete or partial interruption of economic relations" with Spain.

Soviet Support

Andre Gromyko, Soviet deputy foreign Minister, supported Lange. He said the US and Britain did recall their Ministers but that relations with Spain had become "more cordial." He said trade among those countries had grown.

Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia also backed Lange. He was opposed by the US, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, Belgium, Canada, Mexico and Chile.—Associated Press.

U.S. Troops Leaving Greenland

Washington, Nov. 11. The United States is to withdraw its troops from Greenland and hand over the huge air base to Denmark.

Evacuation is already in progress. These decisions were reached during confidential talks between the Danish Foreign Minister, Mr. Gustav Rasmussen, and Mr. Marshall.

The problem of handing over the big weather and radar stations which the United States built in Greenland during the war remains unsolved. Mr. Marshall was prepared to hand them over to the Danes, I understand, but their maintenance is beyond Denmark's resources in money and trained personnel. Yet Mr. Marshall does not want to dismantle the installations or let them go to waste.

The Norwegians have been watching the progress of these negotiations with particular interest; for they believe that Russia's attempts—which, by the way, have not been renewed—to obtain bases on Spitzbergen are closely linked with the United States moves regarding Greenland. Hence, the outcome of the negotiations between Mr. Marshall and Mr. Rasmussen have been of considerable comfort to them.—Our Own Correspondent.

FACING LIFE SQUARELY

London, Nov. 11. A letter appearing in the "News Chronicle" from a Chinese visitor to Britain compares the ancient civilisation of the East with modern Western civilisation.

The writer is Mr. F. Y. Chen, and the pertinent part of his letter reads: "As I have understood it, Western civilisation is the spirit of facing life squarely; its fundamental of living decently; its seriousness in searching for truth, the fundamental of scientific development; its respect for individuals, the fundamental of democracy; its sense of exactness, the fundamental of efficient organization."

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Soviet Atomic-Bomb Test

World Reaction One Of Skepticism

"DOES NOT MAKE MUCH SENSE"

London, Nov. 11. Comment from Moscow was awaited tonight on the report that Soviet Russia had successfully exploded her first atom bomb in Siberia last June, as published today in the independent Paris evening newspaper "L'Intransigeant" from its Moscow correspondent.

The correspondent declared that the Soviet Union exploded her first atom bomb on June 15 this year in a remote area of Siberia, and his report was marked "Filed from Moscow via Prague."

The correspondent said that the test explosion took place before 280 Soviet atom specialists and some Government officials. The nearest town was Irkutsk, about 50 miles from the southern tip of Lake Baikal, and about 140 miles north of the Mongolian border.

The correspondent declared that the Soviet Union had sufficient strength and tremendous international influence to defend the cause of peace with success.

World Reactions

Reuter reports from world centres gave the following reaction to the Russian claims:

Washington—Scientists who had helped to prepare the first atom bomb ridiculed the Paris report.

One scientist pointed out that the detonation was heard 30 kilometres away. The original atom bomb was heard clearly 100 kilometres away and a bomb heard only 30 kilometres away would be a very poor weapon indeed, he added.

Chicago—Leading United States scientists expressed very marked scepticism at the report.

Dr. Edward Teller, Professor of Physics at the Chicago University's

In Washington, scientists who had engaged in the preparation of the first atom bomb, ridiculed the Paris report, which they maintained contained certain basic scientific inconsistencies.

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"Pipedream"

Washington, Nov. 11. Major General Leslie R. Groves, the U.S. Army's foremost atom bomb authority, said today the report the Russians had exploded a small, sample-size atomic bomb in a test sounds like somebody is having a pipe-dream.

Groves, who directed the first atom bomb project, commented: "It just seems amusing to me. I wonder what story will come up next?"—Associated Press.

Institute of Nuclear Studies, said that all this does not make much sense.

Dr. Teller told other atomic scientists at his office of the report and said that their reaction was very marked scepticism.

Not True At-Bomb?

New York—The atom bomb report may not be of a true atom bomb but of a kind such as a British official report published after the unleashing of atom bombs on Japan indicated could be made, observers here said today.

These observers quoted the British report as saying that it was possible to get an explosion so imperfect that the detonation of atomic materials would be no worse than that of some ordinary explosives.

One scientist, acquainted with the weight of the American bomb, said that it would be impossible to produce an atom bomb weighing only 13 pounds, the weight of the Soviet bomb according to the Paris story.—Reuter.

Earth Tremors Recorded

Paris, Nov. 11. The Rightist newspaper "L'Intransigeant" today printed a copyrighted dispatch purporting to come from Russia which said the Soviet Union was making atomic bombs and that Soviet scientists had exploded their first test model in Siberia on June 15.

The story was dated "Prague, Czechoslovakia," and carried the byline "John Griggs," which the newspaper explained was a pseudonym because the writer still was in Russia, and was neither an American nor British.

An Associated Press dispatch from Prague said weak tremors were registered on seismological apparatus at Strasbourg, France; Vladivostok, Moscow; Tashkent and Sverdlovsk in Russia; Pasadena, California; Alma Ata, Outer Mongolia; and Stuttgart, Germany, on June 15.

The Royal Observatory outside London reported the recording of a very faint disturbance the same day, but none of these recordings coincided with the hour of 10 a.m. at which "L'Intransigeant" said the explosion took place.

"Nonsense"

The report was received in silence by officials at the Atomic Energy Commission and elsewhere in Washington. Some scientists have reported that tests to detect atomic explosions by seismographs and by recording radio activity in the upper atmosphere were not very satisfactory.

On a previous occasion, has resigned because of poor "L'Intransigeant" printed a health.—Reuter-AAP.

Nanking, Nov. 12. The Executive Yuan last night appointed Dr. T. F. Tsing to succeed Dr. Quo T'ai-chi as China's delegate to the United Nations Organisation and concurrently the chief delegate to the Security Council. Dr. Quo has resigned because of poor health.—Reuter-AAP.

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Gigantic Communist Hoax?

New York, Nov. 11. On the same day that the Communist Party organ came out with its claim that Russia has the atom bomb, the Pulitzer-Prize-winning journalist, Frederick Wollman, reported the Communist Party has launched a "gigantic hoax on Congress as well as on many innocent liberals and distinguished citizens."

Wollman reported in the "New York World Telegram" that he has "come into possession of a secret communication sent by Communist national headquarters to all Communist organizers in the party's 30 districts throughout the nation."

"In it, party members are directed to collect, by December 15, 500,000 signatures to petitions backing a resolution of Congressman Sabath to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities."

"The 500,000 signatures are to be presented to the House of Representatives not by the Communist Party but by a 'delegation of distinguished citizens,' Wollman said. 'And the delegation that goes to Washington will be acting not in the name of the Communist Party but in the name of a party front known as 'Civil Rights Congress.'"

"Hence, if the party's plans go through, 500,000 signatures will be presented as representing 500,000 loyal Americans. But actually the signers will have been rounded up by the Communist Party from its members and supporters."—United Press.

Britain Against It

London, Nov. 11. Britain would be opposed to a general revision of the Anglo-Transjordan treaty of 1940 if this was proposed when the Transjordan Prime Minister, Samir Rifai Pasha, comes to London later this year for talks on the consequences of Britain's withdrawal from Palestine, it was reliably learned here today.

The treaty, signed in March, 1946 when Transjordan became independent, has a duration of 25 years. On the other hand, the critical military annex, by which Transjordan gives Britain the right to station troops on its territory and Britain agrees to provide financial and technical assistance, may be revised by consultation during the currency of the alliance.—Reuter

AIR CRASH

Thetford, Norfolk, Nov. 11. Six airmen were killed when a "Lancaster" bomber and a "Hornet" fighter plane collided in mid-air today and crashed near here.

The pilot of the bomber, believed to be the only survivor, escaped with superficial injuries.

One airman is still missing.—Reuter.

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THE KEY-MONEY RACKET

Mr. Blair-Kerr's suggestion in the Kowloon Court that an effort should be made to bring a 'real' key-money racket to justice would find a reader who if there were less public disillusionment about the official attitude towards the racket. As the Magistrate pointed out, it would be fatuous for any citizen to say that he was unaware that illegal profiteering by way of high rent and ten-money and key-money (all creating an offence under the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance) is common in the Colony at the present time. Yet since the passing of the Ordinance there has been only one important prosecution involving key-money, a case in which a European woman secured the collaboration of the police in proving demand and acceptance. One of the principal consequences of that case has been the creation of new handicaps to European residents seeking accommodation, for many Chinese landlords today refuse to discuss terms with an applicant known to be of European nationality. The inference is plain enough. The aim and intent is to exclude any risk that illegal demands might terminate in a prosecution. By the same token, it confesses the intention to extort illegal payments, and implies that the Chinese flat-hunter is a ready, more willing victim of the law-evader. None of these facts are new: all the authorities concerned are thoroughly acquainted with them. But official unreadiness to take any form of action is monumental in its ineptitude. A letter published elsewhere in this issue cites circumstances which are by no means isolated. Key-money is mentioned early in negotiations, the police pass the buck, an official of the Legal Branch of Government demands of the complainant a complete case, thoroughly sewn up, before consenting to be stirred into interest. Apparently each man must be his own detective. As our correspondent observes, it would have been more in the public interest if Mr. Blair-Kerr had advised the public to help branch of the police force he could apply with confidence in the event of an incident of this nature coming to his attention. Meantime, the protection which the Ordinance is designed to give to home-seekers is defied flagrantly and openly; and, unfortunately, in the majority of cases, with the full approval and consent of the would-be occupier. This last event doubtless constitutes the factor of greatest inertia in producing government action: while affording no excuse for it. If, but half the effort devoted to enforcement of the out-dated, vexatious Immigration Ordinance were to be diverted to enforcement of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, utilising average intelligence, it is certain that results could be obtained. It would, moreover, be practical policy to prevent breaches of the Ordinance by compulsory letting of habitable premises held vacant for, say, more than a fortnight. In an acute housing shortage such as the Colony is suffering, no residential property is likely to lie vacant unless the owner is holding out for an extortionate price.

How China's Elections Are To Be Managed Is Revealed
by WALTER LOGAN In This Article On

CHINA'S FIRST USE OF BALLOT BOXES

Nanking, Nov. 10. Universal suffrage in China would be no easy task at any time, for there has never been a nationwide election. But a violent civil war, a runaway market and shattered communications make China's Nov. 21-23 elections of 3,024 National Assembly delegates something to marvel at. Unlike most nations which have evolved and extended the franchise through slow stages and over many years, China will try to swallow in one gulp unlimited universal suffrage with no qualifications other than age, citizenship and sanity. The results will be far from perfect.

The Government originally planned to print the required 150,000,000 ballots at a central point and distribute them throughout the country. Transportation difficulties and the time required to "chop" the ballots by hand (put an official stamp on each) made it necessary to scrap the plan. The election board has had to decentralize printing and distributing and irregularities and confusion have resulted. Each voter normally writes down the name of only one candidate. A simple majority is all that is required for elections. They will be referred to the Election Office for decisions. There is no poll tax nor voting fee.

Polling Control

District elections are under control of Kuomintang hsiang magistrates who will concurrently serve as director of elections. Each hsiang is divided into sub-districts, and polling booths will be set up throughout the hsiang, guarded by army men.

The magistrate is authorized to appoint supervisors to oversee both the balloting and vote-counting and presumably will choose them from representatives of the different parties. If any such men are available. Vote counting is expected to take weeks.

The Judicial Yuan will serve as a court of appeals for any individual or party claiming election irregularities and will act as final arbiter in all disputes over the conduct and results of the election.

About seven out of every ten voters will be able neither to read nor to write. Thus the secret balloting provided for in the constitution will be impossible. The Government has hired thousands of script writers and collected the aid of middle school students to help illiterate voters "fill out" their ballots.

(From the files of the "China Mail")

For some time, much discontent has been felt at the performances of the P. and O. Company's Steamers, as at Canton there is frequently but a very few hours to receive and answer letters.

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Considering the large profits the Company are annually pocketing, it might reasonably be expected that they would build vessels equal to any afloat. But while we hear of rates of 15 and 16 knots performed by those on the Cunard line the vessels sent to China have never averaged more than half that rate.

The Mail Steamers being placed under the Superintendence of the Naval Commander-in-Chief, it is to be hoped H. E. the Admiral will make such a representation on the subject as will cause the Company to set up to their contract; affording the advantages to the Post-Office and to the public for which they have engaged and for which they are so amply paid.

either by way of key-money or rent or both. Legislation of this nature is already in operation in several countries. In none of them could it be more necessary than it is in Hong Kong.

The ballots, unlike those in most western countries, will not contain the names of the candidates. Instead, names will be written on large banners fixed to the wall of the polling place. Voters will write the candidate of their choice on the ballot. An illiterate voter, therefore, relying on a script writer both to read for him and write for him will have a difficult time keeping his vote secret from anyone else in the polling place—especially from Government supervisors.

Unknown Candidates

Some of the votes will be cast for candidates the elections have never heard of.

STOKER EDWARDS IN HOSPITAL

London, Nov. 11. Mr. W. J. Edwards, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, Navy Minister, who became the first Member of Parliament from the "lower deck," has been taken to the Royal Naval Hospital at Chatham with blood poisoning. (Mr. Edwards recently paid a short visit to Hong Kong).—Reuter.

Science Makes New Guess At World's Age

London, Nov. 11. Scientists who apparently have their own rules of etiquette spend a good deal of their time publicly discussing the age of a lady—Mother Earth—and that reticent old woman grudgingly yielding her secrets is now believed to be 3,150,000,000 years old.

This latest estimate, probably not as satisfying to Mother Earth as Archbishop Usher's 17th century guess of 6,551 years old still is somewhat flattering when compared with Jules Verne in 1859 that the chalk erosion in England's county of Kent took 30,000,000,000 years alone.

Professor Arthur Holmes, Regius Professor of Geology and Mineralogy in the University of Edinburgh and a specialist in application of radioactivity to geology made the "probable estimate" of 3,150,000,000 years in a resume of theories on the age of the earth in the scientific monthly "Endeavour."

He based it on study of radioactivity in lead taking as a common denominator the estimates of 25,000,000 years for lead isotopes found in ores of the Tertiary period. "We may assume," he wrote, "that when the Earth began it was free from the lead isotope and that all of it 'now present in the common granite rocks of the continental crust has been generated from Uranium 235'."

Comparisons

By comparing Tertiary isotopes with those in the granite rocks of today Professor Holmes arrives at an estimate of from 2,000,000,000 to 6,400,000,000 years as the age of the Earth presumably from the time at which it began to harden from the gaseous state.

But he then aims for a closer estimate by using some "better established dates" for radioactive minerals compiled by Professor A. O. Nier and other specialists in the field. Some of these dates, for example, set the age of Uraninite found in Manitoba at 1,985,000,000 years which Professor Holmes said, "includes will recognizable conglomerates containing pebbles of pre-existing quartzites which must therefore be well over 2,000,000,000 years old."

"Since the earth must be older still, this figure can be regarded as a conservative minimum for its age."

Professor Holmes admits that his equations have given him over 200 solutions to the age of the Earth but that there is a "marked concentration" of solutions at about 3,300,000,000 to 3,400,000,000 years.

His equations therefore, he said, "favour the hope that an estimate of 3,350,000,000 years for the age of the earth is unlikely to be seriously wrong."

Sodium Accumulation

Professor Holmes also discussed estimates by Joly in 1898 that the oceans, based on study of the time it takes dissolved sodium to accumulate,

The almost total lack of campaigning in China is the best proof that election or no election the will of the peoples has not yet become a major political factor. Except for the feverish activity around party headquarters in Nanking, where the real contest is being fought, there are few visible signs of a forthcoming election. There are no leaflets, buttons, posters, brassbands and public meetings.

Some neutral observers contend that the Chinese elections will injure rather than help the cause of democracy because they are being conducted at a time and under circumstances so ill-adapted to the introduction of universal suffrage. They favour postponing the elections. Their opponents argue that a start must be made sometime and an imperfect election is better than no election at all.

Whatever the merits on either side of the argument, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's determination to have democracy in China is a sure guarantee that the Chinese people will go to the polls for the first time in their ancient history on Nov. 21-23.—United Press.

are from 80,000,000 to 90,000,000 years old. Using the same method Professor Holmes figure would be closer to 250,000,000 years but since sodium study is a "hopelessly variable" method the age of the oceans may be anything from 2,000,000,000 to 4,000,000,000 years old.

"The most than can be said," he comments, "is that its present reading (sodium accumulation) is not inconsistent with an oceanic age of a few thousands of millions of years."

Recalling the furious scientific debates of the Victorian Era during which the Earth's age was hotly announced as anywhere from 40,000,000 to 100,000,000 (the latter being considered the highest possible figure) Professor Holmes points that ancient Hindu calculation make the age of the world today: 1,972,949,058.

"By a curious coincidence," he adds, "this characteristically precise assessment is of the same order as the 2,000,000,000 years which has recently been the most widely favoured estimate for the age of the expanding universe."—United Press.

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Why all the hurry to take fannies? It almost seems as if quick finessing were a sort of disease which has plagued many heavy players who, as soon as they get the lead, look for a chance to try an immediate finesse. Often it can be a finesse which need not be tried until late in the play. On other occasions the finesse maybe should not be taken at all. In plenty of situations it is better to throw a defender into the lead at just the right stage and hope he will select a return which will spare you from finessing at all.

S K 8
H K Q J 8
D 9 8 2
C A Q J 9
SA 9 7 6 2
H 7 3 2
D J 6 5
C 10 2

S J 5 3
H 10 5
D A Q 7
C K 7 6 4 3

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable.)
East South West North
Pass Pass Pass 4C
Pass 3C
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There are many ways to argue with that bidding, but this duplicate deal was handled about that way at several tables, at two of which West led the club 8 to avoid pitching away from his honour. One of the declarers took note of that fact. The other didn't. In fact, that habitual quick finesser took the first trick in dummy, instantly finessed the diamond Q to the K, won the returned club in dummy, and led the heart 8 to the 10 and A. West returned the diamond 9 to the J and A. Now

one diamond and one spade got discarded on hearts. When he later led toward the spade K he lost two spade tricks, so was down two. The other South won the trump lead in the dummy and scored a second trump so that, when he put the defenders in with a heart they would be unable to avoid leading away from their own honours. West got the third trick with his heart A. South bargained on West's not liking to return a heart, and was right in his guess. The latter, fearing such a return would be exactly what South hoped for, debated between spades and diamonds, finally selecting the spade 4. Dummy's 5 went on, East accordingly played the A, and the diamond 5 was returned. With all his requests for help granted, South refused the finesse, came in with the A, led to the spade K, discarded two diamonds on hearts, ruffed a diamond, ruffed his own last spade, and had trumps only left. Thus he lost just one trick in each major suit.

Tomorrow's Problem
S K 7 5 2
H 4 2
D 7
C 10 9 8 6 5 3

S 8
H 10 5
D K J 6 4 2
C A Q J 2

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)
If you used this deal to teach a beginner the value of trump leads against 4-spades, how would you go about it?

S 8 9 6 4 3
H Q J 9 6
D A K 5 3
C 7 4

S A Q J 10
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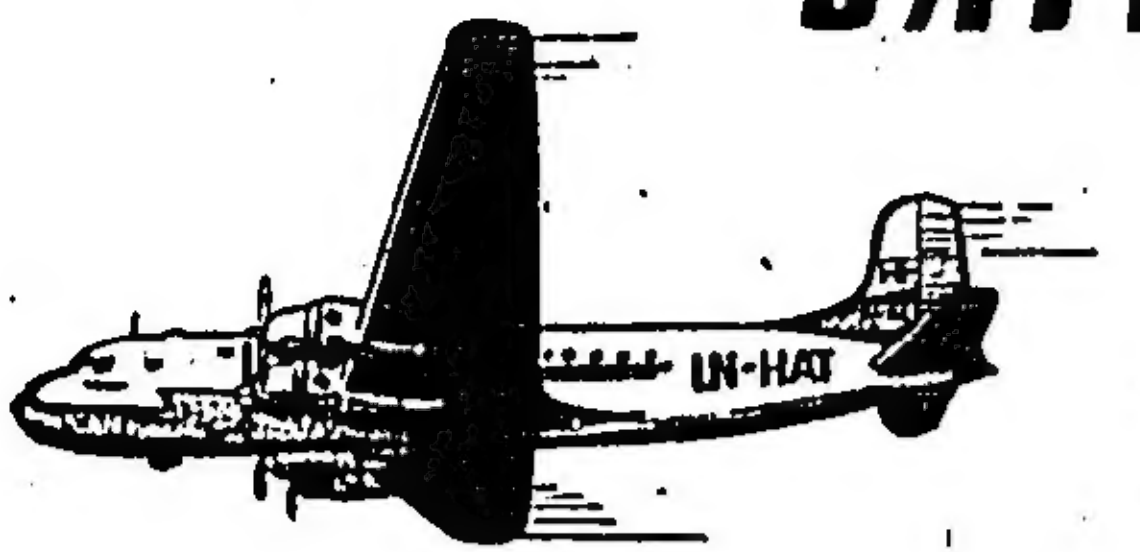
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MR. CHURCHILL SPEAKS UP Leaves Sickbed To Attack Government Measure To Curb Power Of Lords Bill Approved At First Reading

London, Nov. 11.
Mr. Winston Churchill today left his sickbed against his doctor's advice, to denounce the Labour Government in the House of Commons as an incompetent dictatorship which threatened to lead Britain into bankruptcy and starvation.

Showing little of the effects of the cold which had kept him in bed for four days, Mr. Churchill tore into the Government attempt to limit the House of Lords' veto power over Commons-approved legislation to one instead of two years.

He shouted down repeated attempts led by Mr. Attlee, to heckle him. He pounded his dispatch bag and wagged his finger at the Government front bench.

The Government, charged Mr. Churchill, in leading the Conservative attack on the Lords measure, were trying to make the Conservatively-dominated Upper House ineffectual and powerless.

"By this scheme," Mr. Churchill cried, "the hope to substitute the will of the Government for the will of the people as freeborn Englishmen. What I hate is a dictator, whether it be a Hitler or an Attlee. Let the Party opposite not imagine they will rule our famous land and lead our great Commonwealth and our Empire—or what is left of it—by Party dodges and petty intrigues."

"The Government are saying, 'We have our majority and to hell with the people!' It is dictatorship we are facing; an incompetent dictatorship, but one no less, and in the life of this Parliament, Government may be replaced by a totalitarian oligarchy."

"It may well be bankruptcy and actual starvation may come upon this island largely through this Government's mismanagement."

Cries of "Shame, Shame!" rose from the Labour benches. Mr. Churchill declared that Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Government leader in Parliament, had a "well-known relish for petty dictatorship," adding:

"No peace-time Government has ever had such arbitrary power and no Government has ever failed more completely to meet the practical needs of the British people."

Mr. Churchill claimed that the reform of the House of Lords, which he helped to carry out 36 years ago, was designed to give effect to "the settled and persistent will of the people and not to spurious emotions of an electorate."

Both progress and stability were needed and if the Socialists did not like the present brake provided by the House of Lords, why did they create more nobles and why did they not propose to reform the House of Lords?

"Silly" Instead they retained the hereditary Chamber with one year's veto instead of the two. It was silly to describe the one year's veto as "blue Socialist democracy" and the two years' veto as "class tyranny."

Mr. Churchill emphasised the danger of a rash and irreparable action without the check of a second Chamber and declared that practically all free countries had rejected a single chamber Government.

Giving instances, Mr. Churchill pointed out that Elre had created its own Senate. "Show me one powerful free democratic state which has adopted the principle of a single chamber Government!" Mr. Churchill challenged.

In reply to Labour shouts of "Norway," is not a very powerful state and could not be a state at all except for our exertion. A single chamber Government was not particularly dangerous for Britain with Parliaments elected for five years. The safeguard should not be swept away by "a small act of discredited men."

Stressing his confidence that the Socialist majority would vanish if general elections were held tomorrow, Mr. Churchill concluded: "If they wait another year they will vanish for a considerable period, unwelcome, unthought and unnumbered."

"Cat And Mousing" Mr. Churchill early in the debate asked Mr. Morrison how he conceived democracy. "Democracy is not a caucus obtaining a fixed term of office."

by promises and then doing what it likes to the people. We hold that there ought to be a constant relationship between rulers and the people."

Mr. Churchill, in declaring that Mr. Morrison had "a relish for petty dictatorship," said: "He should always need a guard against his propensity and loss of cat and mousing people from morning to night."

Mr. Churchill asserted that the Government wished to keep the present Second Chamber on a hereditary basis so that they could "abuse, insult and attack it and yet so cripple its powers that the Second Chamber is, in effect, both vulnerable and powerless."

Mr. Churchill went on: "How do we know that in the next 18 months we shall see the same feeble despots in office? They may be replaced at any time by a convulsion in this House or at Transport House or in the complicated party structure of Government."

"They may be replaced at any time by other men no less mischievous, but more malignant, more ruthless—men who have never presented themselves to the electorate as leaders of the nation."

"Are they to have full unbridled authority to pass any laws, irrespective of the views of the nation, about Government or members?"

"These are the issues before us now on the second reading of this Bill."

Mr. Chuter Ede, the Home Secretary, said that Mr. Churchill had today devoted much of his speech to disproving what he said on the first reading of the Parliament Act of 1911, which Mr. Churchill helped to pass.

The Government sought no privilege or facility which the Conservative Party had not long enjoyed. All they demanded was political equality for all parties.

The idea that the Bill was required only to nationalise the iron and steel industry was one of delusions which the Conservative Party "likes to hug to itself."

There were other Bills being brought forward which might equally need the opportunities afforded by this measure.

Woman Peers

Mrs. Leah Manning, Labour, urged that women peers should be allowed to sit in the House of Lords in their own right. She added:

"It is an odd thing that this Government, which does not believe in hereditary principle, is always hunting around for peers who won't present them."

Isaacs Mobilises Spivs And Drones

London, Nov. 11.
The British people, already divided over the controversy on the direction of labour in the Government's plan to speed up the export drive, heard today of new proposals designed to cover such people as those working on gambling—such as football pools, amusement arcades, night clubs and street trading in urban areas.

The proposals were announced in Parliament by Mr. George Isaacs, the Minister of Labour, who said that he had issued an order that day requiring the registration of persons unoccupied or who are following certain occupations. These included football pools and so on.

Mines In Pacific Waters

Seattle, Nov. 11.
United States and Canadian Coast Guard vessels are today hunting for more Japanese mines in the Northwest Pacific waters.

One mine was reported 40 miles west of the mouth of the Columbia River and the U. S. Cutter "McClean" was dispatched to dispose of it. It was the thirteenth mine spotted in coastal waters in the past ten days.

The Coast Guard Cutter "Bonham" is looking for a mine off Yaquina Head, on the Oregon coast. Two floating mines were destroyed off Hecate Head, Oregon, yesterday.

Canadian naval vessels patrolling off the coast of Vancouver Island for mines sighted one near Carmanah lighthouse—United Press.

with an heir. May I remind them that this is never a safe bet with a man."

Mr. Anthony Eden, the deputy leader of the Opposition, winding up for the Opposition, said that not a score of those who voted for the Government at the last election thought it would introduce legislation to curtail the powers of the House of Lords.

He would have supported the Government if there was a shred of evidence to show that there was the least danger during the last two years of the House of Lords creating any kind of constitutional crisis.

It was the "clumsiest blunder" the Government had ever committed.

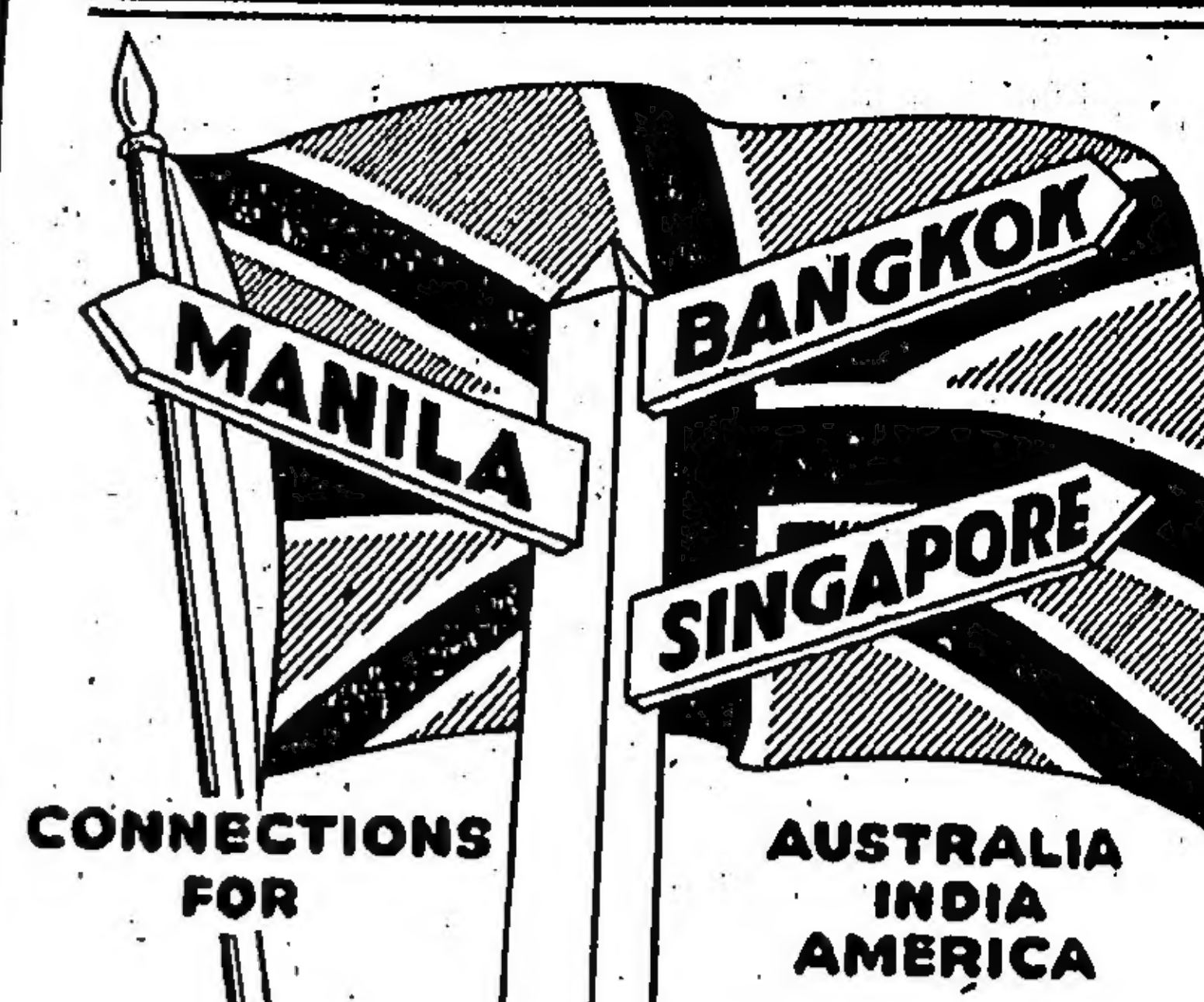
The House tonight approved in principle the Government's plan to curb the House of Lords' powers, by reducing from two years to one their powers to delay Government legislation. It defeated by 345 votes to 194 the Opposition amendment for rejection and the Bill was read a second time.—United Press and Reuters.

No Police Aid

To a suggestion that he might seek police assistance in roping in persons not in the records, Mr. Isaacs replied, amid cheers: "I want to say at once that we do not wish and have no desire to seek the assistance of the police. We wish to see if this scheme to make the people come forward meets with response. But if other steps are necessary, we shall not hesitate to come to Parliament for such power."

Mr. Isaacs made no reply to Mr. Quinton Hogg (Conservative) who said the compulsory registration of the people in peace time was still a further step towards the reintroduction of chattel slavery.

The order applies to men between the ages of 18 and 51, and women between 18 and 41. Among the exceptions will be married women living with their husbands and women looking after their own children under the age of 15.—Reuters.



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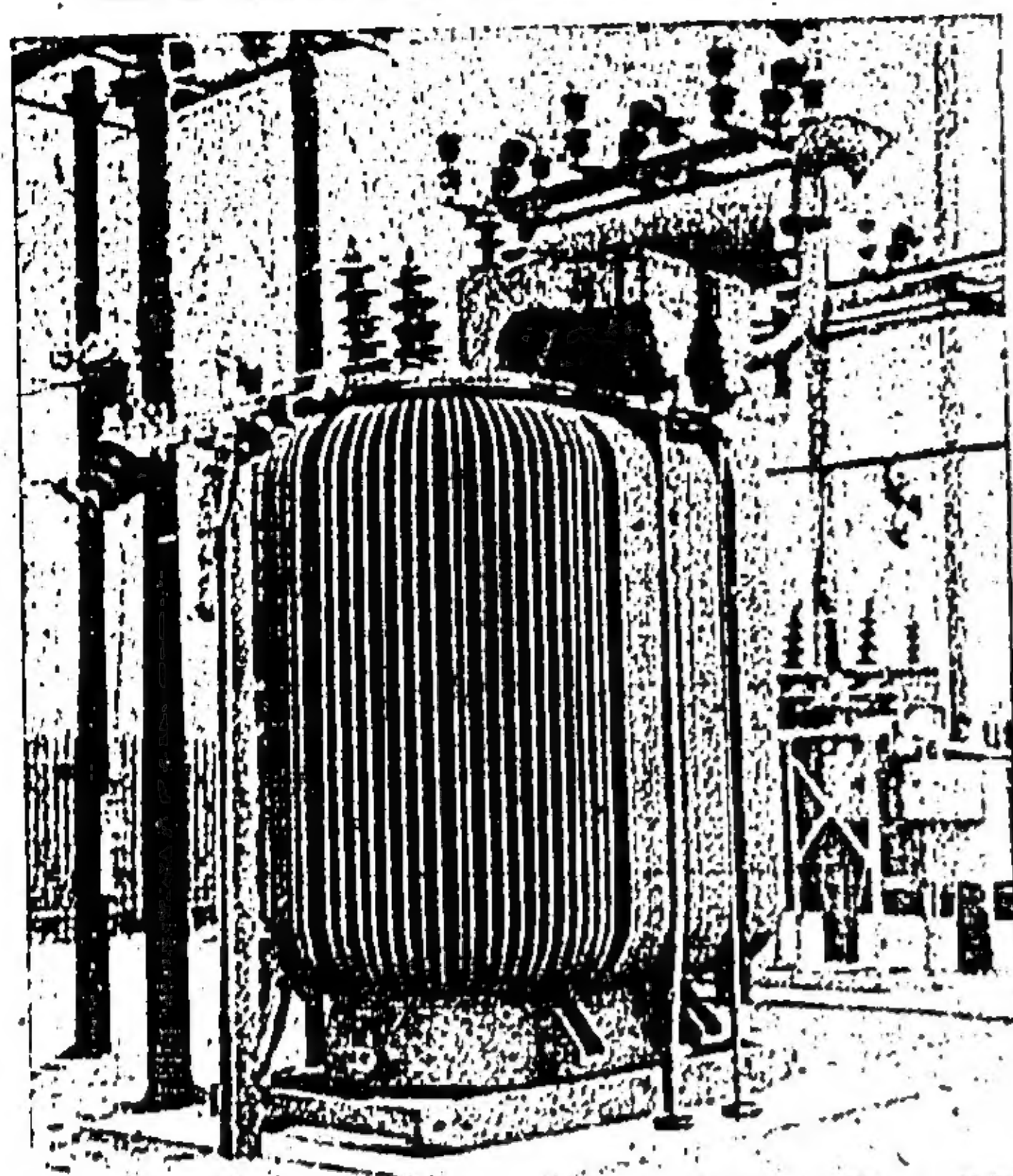
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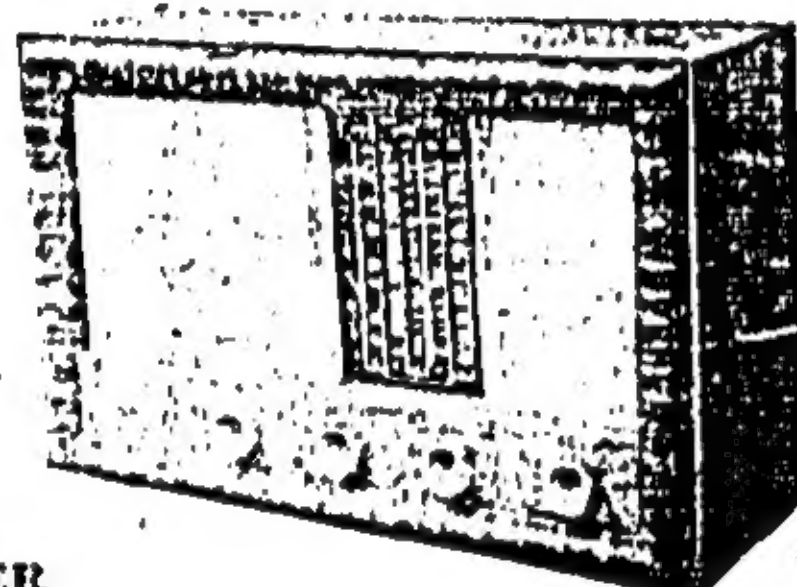
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ENGINEERING PAGE

"Canton" Nos. 1, 2 And 3

The P. & O. liner "Canton," on her first post-war voyage to the Far East as a civilian passenger vessel, is due to arrive in the Colony on November 17th. A vessel of 10,000 tons, the "Canton" sailed on her maiden voyage in October, 1938, her 18,000 S.H.P. engines giving her the useful speed of 18 knots. Built by Alexander Stephen & Sons of Glasgow, she has accommodation for 300 First and 244 Tourist Class passengers, with cargo space for 10,320 tons deadweight; this includes 700 tons of refrigerated cargo.

No. 1

The first "Canton" was a small vessel even in her day in comparison with the size of others in the P. & O. fleet. In the 1840s most of the P. & O. vessels were anything between 1,000 and 2,000 tons, the "Hindostan" of 1842 being actually over 2,000. The "Canton," built in 1848, was only 348 tons, with 160 indicated horse-power. She was sent East to act as a feeder ship to carry cargo and passengers between the regular mail steamers and coastal ports not reached by the larger liners.

Shortly after the "Canton" arrived on the China Station the authorities here were greatly troubled by Chinese pirates in ports and harbours along the Chinese Coast. Their headquarters were at Bias Bay.

Some warships were employed in an effort to root out these pirate fleets and nests, one of them being H.M.S. "Columbine," a two-masted sailing ship armed with twelve 32-pounder guns.

On September 28th, 1849, H.M.S. "Columbine's" Commander sighted a number of junks and opened fire on a fleet of fourteen pirate craft. The fire was returned, but the falling wind stopped any further action.

Next day H.M.S. "Columbine" was lying becalmed and a large fleet of junks were making their escape under oars or long sweeps manned by relays of rowers from the heavy crews carried in the junks.

The "Canton" coming upon this scene, took H.M.S. "Columbine" in tow and brought her to a position where the junks were within effective range of the warship's guns. A brisk action followed, the ship of the pirate leader being on the warship both with round shot and grape. A number of the crew of H.M.S. "Columbine" were wounded, but the pirate fleet was practically destroyed. The next day the "Canton" embarked and carried the wounded to Hongkong.

In the painting of the action by Norman Wilkinson, R.O.I., which hangs in the First Class lounge of the present "Canton," the artist has depicted some of the effects of the pirates' fire in the form of a H.M.S. "Columbine" and a few grape holes in the "Canton's" funnel.

The flag signal flown by the warship, as shown in the painting, is her order to "Cast off the tow line." If it should be asked why this order should have been made by signal instead of by shouting through a speaking trumpet over the short distance, the answer is that in the heavy firing and with the noise of the "Canton's" engines and paddles, a verbal order might have been misunderstood, but the flag signal had to be acknowledged as seen and understood by the answering pennant which was hoisted on the "Canton."

No. 2

The second "Canton" was built in 1880, and was a vessel of 3,333 tons and 2,500 h.p. The passenger trade with the Far East was still, in those days, comparatively limited, so that the "Canton" and some others of her type built about that time were designed mainly as cargo carriers, although each was fitted with accommodation for a limited number of passengers.

Lighthouse Equipment

Malaya and Sarawak have placed orders with a United Kingdom firm (Chance Brothers) for £28,000 worth of lighthouse equipment. It will be used for the rehabilitation and modernisation of present navigational installations.

The same firm is at present constructing 16 lighthouses in the Far East. It also has been asked to draw up plans for the modernisation of lighthouses in China and the East Indies. Associated Press.

French Jet-Propelled Plane



An experimental jet-propelled plane—the first constructed in France—is seen resting on top of the French 4-motored aircraft "Languedoc" before being taken 9,000 metres up for its first flight. Leduc, the French engineer who designed the plane, said the test was successful. When this photograph was taken, the pilot was already in the jet-plane, named "Leduc," ready for the take-off. (APhoto).

A Masterpiece Of Engineering

Vickers-Built Stratosphere Pressure Chamber

By Joseph Kalmer

Electronics Research

Anyone who has ever been connected with shipbuilding knows the name of Vickers-Armstrong, whose shipyard at Barrow-in-Furness has spread throughout the world the fame of British shipbuilders. This yard has just turned out an engineering masterpiece which has nothing whatever to do with shipbuilding, but which will be of decisive importance to traffic of the future.

It is an all-welded pressure chamber, the dimensions of which must be without parallel anywhere in the world. It is to be launched from the Vickers-Armstrong Works at Weybridge, Surrey; and inside it will be reproduced such conditions of temperature and pressure as an aircraft would experience flying through the stratosphere at heights of 70,000 feet and more.

Pressure, the force applied to a surface (normally about 17.4 lb. per sq. in.) varies with atmospheric conditions and height above sea-level. Changes in pressure are the cause of changes in weather, but these changes are negligible in comparison, for example, to those which occur inside caissons used for working on bridge foundations or inside submarines. The latter can prove fatal to human beings if they do not take place gradually.

Prof. Haldane

Research into such pressure changes has been carried out for many years in England, which was a leader in this field in this connection it is only necessary to mention the studies of Professor Haldane and his assistants.

The stratosphere chamber built by Vickers-Armstrong is unique by virtue of its vast size alone. It weighs 215 tons, and encloses a volume of 40,000 cu. ft. After its completion at Barrow-in-Furness, it was brought by road, in sections, to Weybridge, where it was erected like a ship on the stocks.

The very bulk of the chamber is astonishing. It is 88 feet long, 44 feet broad and 32 feet high. The plates are more than half-an-inch thick. The main cylinder has a working length of 50 feet and a diameter of 25 feet.

The stratosphere chamber will be housed in a building about a hundred yards from the erecting site. Launching it into position is no easy matter, but is helped by supporting the whole steel cham-

ber on steel cradles. One end of it is attached to a crane, while the other rests on rollers to allow for expansion.

Inside the chamber, the pressure cabin of an aircraft will be mounted, to permit testing its pressurising and heating equipment, as well as the behaviour of aircraft structures, controls and engines.

Pressure Changes

Plant installed will be able to produce temperature variations over a range of 140 degrees Centigrade, from 70 degrees above zero to 70 below. Stratosphere aircraft are unlikely ever to encounter lower temperatures, so that their behaviour will be tested as thoroughly in the chamber as they will in practice. Pressures from one atmosphere down to one-twentieth of an atmosphere can be produced; and this fall in pressure can be effected in 90 minutes, which is equivalent to a climbing rate of 1,000 feet per minute.

But how does the stratosphere chamber itself react to atmospheric changes? In order to avoid awkward sources of trouble the chamber, its structure and plant are housed in a building, as has already been said. This building has walls surfaced with insulating material 12 inches thick; further precautions in the shape of specially constructed foundations have also been taken against the effects of "frost heave."

Objects to be tested enter the chamber through a door weighing 65 tons. The other end is permanently sealed. A 40-ton hydraulic jack is used to move the door and chamber. Driving power will be obtained from a private generating plant developing 1,750 horse-power, although since all the units will not be in use at one time the anticipated peak load is 900 h.p.

The great strides made in aircraft construction and the increased speed of modern aircraft have made such demands on men and material as to render obsolete all test chambers previously in existence. The new Vickers-Armstrong Stratosphere Chamber will fulfil the new requirements.

American electronics scientists say they have begun an intensive research campaign to find out what mysterious forces keep the core of matter from exploding like the atomic bomb. If an answer is found, it may prove "a hundredfold more significant than the atomic bomb itself."

Dr. William E. Shoupp, manager of the electronics and nuclear physics research in the Westinghouse research laboratories in east Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, announced the programme in an address before the National Electronics Conference in Chicago.

The objective of the programme is to learn the nature of the "binding forces" which hold nuclear particles together.

Dr. Shoupp said: "Several logical theories have been offered to explain the binding action, but our aim is to get a conclusive answer. Once we do so it may no longer be necessary to smash down the door of the atom's nucleus to find out what is inside. With the key in hand we could simply unlock the door and look inside."

According to the electrical theory the nucleus should explode rather than stick together as it does. This is because it is made up of positively charged protons and neutral particles called neutrons. Since like charges repel you would expect protons to blast one another out of the nucleus. Actually they stick together with such force that tremendous blows often are necessary to separate them.

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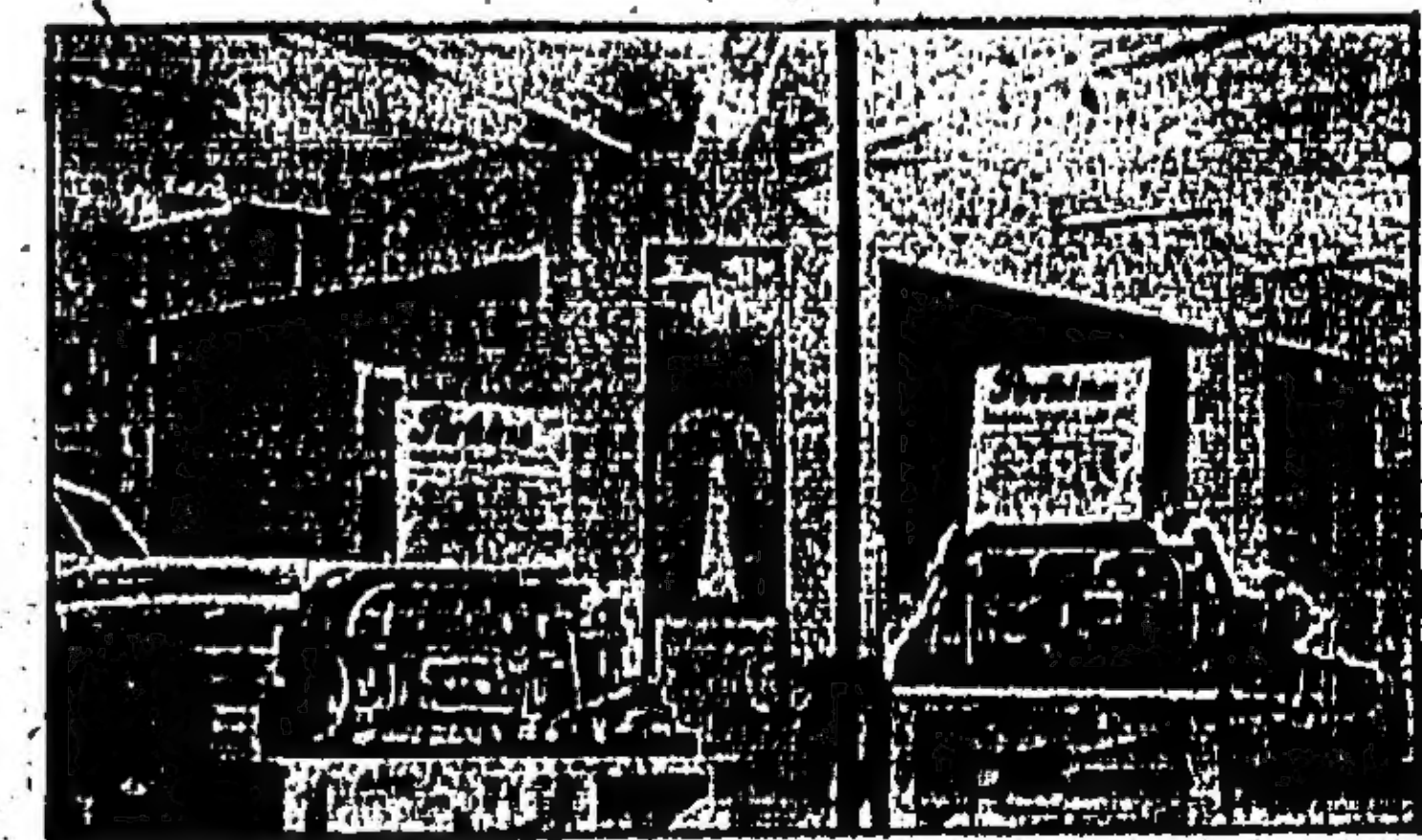
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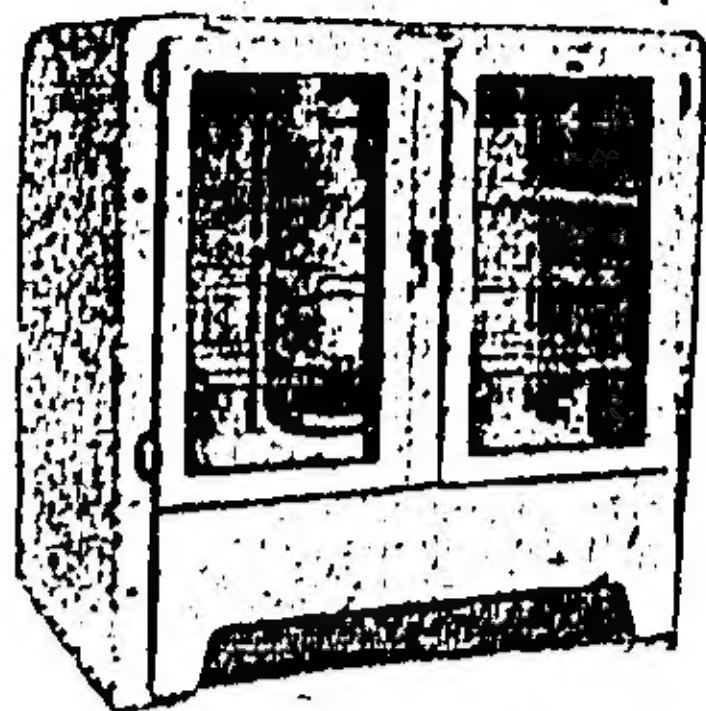
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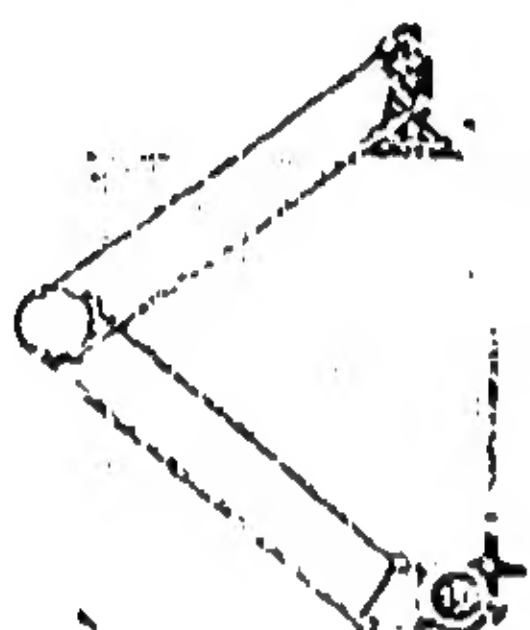
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WHY THE V-8? Engineering Murder Averted

One of the virtues of opposed and V-type engines is that compared with an in-line engine it is not necessary to commit engineering murder to save wheelbase. In the past it is fair to state that 1 in. of additional wheelbase could cure most engine difficulties. Engineers have been fighting engine length for years, yet there is nothing which has less commercial value than taking an inch out of the engine. It cannot appeal to the sense of utility, comfort or vanity. Somehow this business of crowding an engine has appealed to the vanity of the engine designer. It usually turns around and bites him.

With an opposed engine the bore can be greater in diameter than the stroke and the span of the individual bore can be used to do a job on diameter of crankpin, check thickness and length of crankpin. At this point we should consider the possible size of our engines. The table shows the projected horsepower outputs of future opposed-type engines.

Assuming a six-cylinder, 2,500 c.c. engine with 130 h.p. output, having a maximum b.m.e.p. of 140 lb. per sq. in., in-line dimensions would be: bore 3.5 ins., stroke 3.125 ins. opposed dimensions would be: bore 3.5 ins., stroke 3.125 ins. The allowable crankpin for in-line is 2.125 ins. diam. Allowable crankpin for opposed is 2.375 ins. diam. This gives 110 per cent. increase in rigidity in so far as crankpin is concerned.

The bore diameter normally controls the span which gives space for bearing length and check thickness. We have in the opposed engine 0.25 in. addition to divide between cheek and bearing length. It should be divided one-eighth for bearing length and one-sixteen for each cheek.

It is obvious that the short-stroke opposed engine is the least elastic combination, and, as such, combined with a "controlled combustion" chamber will be more nearly ready to meet the future. In answer to the question of why don't we treat the in-line engine in the same manner, we again point out that the increase in length of about 1.75 ins. would find no favour among designers and, in truth, the additional length does increase the relative wind-up of crank and case. The opposed engine can be treated for rigidity of crankshaft because the engine will be shorter. This holds true for V-eights, except that the proportion of the crankshaft must be compensated for prestressing due to heavy counter-weights and, further, for low modulus materials used if the crank is cast, as it might well be in the future on most engines. The cast crank does permit use of a really hollow shaft and size can be increased to give stiffness without adding weight.

Narrow V

In the past, 60-, 45-22% and 15 degree V-eight have been built. In this country the 90-degree V-eight won engineering favour over the 60-degree. Many experimental eights of less included angle have been built with attractive results. However, they eventually lost the engineering decision on the basis of roll due to firing order. In Europe the story was different, and Lancia and others produced the narrow V and the execution due to valve gear design was so good that the performance improvement made the job desirable. We may expect such engines to appear in the United States. The Lancia, however, was a small-bore, long-stroke engine with overhead camshaft with relatively large valves, and was capable of sustained high power at high speeds. Such engines in Europe, however, did not have American traditional smoothness. It remains to be seen what may come in the United States in the future. A good-sized crankshaft and attention to crankcase rigidity with proper counterweighting may do rather well. The fluid coupling may also hide a multitude of sins. The opposed engine does not require special treatment. It gives an improved balance and requires a minimum of counterweighting, and, from running experience, improves the secondary forces vibration. In the four-cylinder to a point where

they can be entirely ignored. In fact, the opposed four makes possible the return of the four-cylinder engine to the American scene.

If fuel consumption was the controlling factor in weight class selection, then the following data would be important:

Weight class (lb.)	m.p.g. (present)	m.p.g. (future)
1,000	60	85
2,000	40	55
2,500	30	41
3,000	20	29
3,500	16	24
4,000	9	17

It is not weight alone which is costly in m.p.g., but all things which go with weight: engine size, horse-power to drive the car on the level and on grades, axle ratio and the general cross section of the car.

Monobloc

To continue our discussion of the rigidity factors of the opposed engine, let us take the one-piece cylinder block.

The bore is materially offset from the main bearing centre line. The main adequately tie the main bearing into the structure, and on the rear end where, under normal conditions, the bearing support is deflected in time with the power stroke, we find a wall completely across the engine. Since in this engine the power force is transverse and the residual inertia forces are transverse, they react against a solid block instead of an elastic bearing cap or bolts. However, the bearing clearance alone allows for pendular action of the flywheel. If we combine controlled combustion, short stroke, heavy overlap and reinforced cheeks, the opposed engine should be well prepared to meet increased power output of the future.

The use of light metals is bound to be considered. When we review the war picture we are certain that aluminium can give the performance and durability. However, it has been too high in price for cars and trucks. Today we can assume that from the point of view of weight, 1 lb. of aluminium can be considered as 2.75 lb. of iron. Modern aluminium alloys, even in secondary metals, can be equal to cast-iron in structural physical properties. These alloys require heat treatment but so does cast-iron in order to gain strength.

Aluminium would permit competitive costs if full advantage was taken of the ease of handling, ease of machining, and the lowered weight of the final product that can add performance equal to one more passenger, or permit reduction in general proportions.

In Europe this practice is over the top, and in France all new cars include the maximum of aluminium. This is a matter of cost. In the pre-war period they used 1 1/4 tons of coal to make one car. They are now aiming at five small cars for this much coal. In England it is under discussion, some believing that aluminium is economic, and others disagreeing. If the aluminium industries of Britain are put under control we can look for a wide use there.

We are bound to be affected by cars built in Europe, in spite of the fact that we lead the world in volume, size, appearance and performance. We are continually borrowing from Europe, almost as much as they borrow from us. When cars are made to the tune of over a million per year, with a maximum of aluminium, the facts will be proven that cars can be much lighter than at present without losing road stability. The impact of these aluminium developments will eventually be felt and hence aluminium for motorcars will eventually be considered in the U.S.

In Europe we have some fair cars without aluminium that carry five passengers at 2,200 lb., and these designs are eight to 10 years old. I think we can predict in three years' time satisfactory automobiles for five passengers, weighing 2,000 lb. Present cars, average 33 to 35 lb. per h.p. available. A 2,000-lb. car would be happy with a 65 h.p. engine and would equal present-day performance. With the same r.p.m. per mile this would probably show 25 to 30 per cent. fuel consumption improvement. This would put the consumption at 80 m.p.g.

However, it is fair to assume that work will proceed on minimizing the total surface of the car and correcting the front end for aerodynamics and relieving the drag at the rear end. This would bring the mileage up to 40 m.p.g. If we apply all we know to the engine for burning lean mixtures.

Major Factor

The greatest factor in good piston and ring operation is the clearance of the piston in the bore. The piston of the future must be fitted with much less clearance than in the past. The present American piston is a straight oval having greater clearance at the sides than at the bearing surface. The usual source of trouble has been mechanical and heat distortion along the pin requiring excessive clearance. Sometimes this is provided for by special milling operation under the pin. However, quite often this excessive clearance will extend to the bottom of the skirt at each side.

The British developed their piston shape so that it was a tapered oval. The skirt opening was round and the major ovality was immediately below the ring belt. This simplifies piston fitting, since with a split skirt the pistons were fitted with a light drag fit.

Progress is being made both in the U.S. and abroad on design for aluminium pistons that can be fitted with from .0005 to .001-in. clearance with a 3-in. bore. One English piston maker binds the piston with steel wire of about .040-in. diameter. In America we shall see this control cast into the piston. A tapered oval close-fitting aluminium piston would set new marks for durability and for oil consumption.

Piston rings in the United States have been very good in the truck and passenger car field. Europeans claim we were not so good pre-war on heavy-duty rings but that we improved during the war. We have been obtaining results by metallurgical progress and machining. However, the tension has been going up. From 1932 to 1940 the tension has gone up from 8 to 18 lb. and when we set in we put in spring-back rings for more tension. This is to hold compression and eliminate blow-by in bad bores. An interesting point is that a 3/32 face ring will give better blow-by characteristics with a very much higher critical period than the 1/4 ring. The 3/2 ring is usually made with much lower tension than the 1/4 ring. Therefore, we reason that high tension or wall pressure is not the answer. We need rings that will maintain a uniform tension on the cylinder wall under conditions of heat and pressure, that will not cold or hot scuff. This may be an entirely different ring than we have seen before. If we can get better operation and service with less friction from rings that have uniform pressure on the cylinder wall under conditions of heat and pressure, we have advanced.

Engine valves are periodically troublesome. The chemical constituents of combustion have alternately destroyed exhaust valves and intake valves. Work is going on to determine what the injurious elements are and how to keep them out of the fuel. Unfortunately, petrol varies, not only throughout the world but throughout the United States.

Sodium Cooled

Truck engines are beginning to use sodium-cooled valves for the exhaust. This will bring up the number of such valves produced and bring down the cost. Lower cost sodium-cooled valves are available now, not however at a low enough price to interest the passenger car field. In spite of this, in the future we will all be using hollow-stem exhaust valves with the stem nearly half the diameter of the head. Whether some manufacturers will step up to filling the hollow stem with sodium remains to be seen. We have hopes that just as B.I. Knudsen reduced the price of aluminium valves to one-third of their original cost, present valve manufacturers will reduce the hollow sodium-cooled valve to a point that will bring it in line for passenger cars.

ADVANCES IN DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES

Steel Output Record

Among the notable advances made in diesel locomotive practice recently is that achieved in the layout and erection of the complete straight and automatic Westinghouse air brake in 65 and 100 h.p. flameproof mines locomotives by the Hunslet Engine Co., Ltd., of Leeds, England.

Erection and testing of the valves, piping and connections invariably occupies a good deal of time, and in both surface and underground steam and diesel locomotives testing not infrequently holds back trials and delivery if everything does not go well at once.

By the erection of the Westinghouse equipment in one assembly which can be lifted into or out of the locomotive on a simplified procedure of a completed sequence, and increased the efficiency of the locomotive erection and testing programme.

The great advantage is that erection within the steel frame, and the subsequent full testing by the Westinghouse engineer, can be undertaken in any part of the erecting shop, or indeed, in any part of the factory; the complete self-contained assembly can be brought to the locomotive after approval and immediately lowered into position.

With a straight air brake, only two connections are necessary (to the brake cylinder and from the compressor), and an additional connection to the air starting motor (for the oil engine) where this is fitted. With straight and automatic equipment four connections are needed, the two additional ones being for the train pipes.

As a whole, the assembly contains not only the brake equipment, but the pneumatic whistle on the front plate, along with its connections from the air system; and a Gresham and Craven two-way valve and connections for the two-way air sanding.

Britain's September steel output, at an annual rate of 13,841,000 tons, is the highest for any September on record and the highest for any month since March, 1943.

It falls little short of the official objective of 14 million tons, and this is most encouraging because the success of the economic programme depends very largely on a maximum production of steel. The quality of British steel is world-famed, and at Port Talbot, in Wales, the foundations are being laid for the largest and most modern strip mill steelworks in the country.

In little more than five months an area of 600 acres, mostly sand dunes and marsh and lake, has been drained, and levelled after being filled with heavy foundation material. It will not be long before the site will be ready for the installation of new blast furnaces producing 1,000 tons of iron a day.

The complete plan for steel modernization in Wales is a gigantic one, and the installation of the present until alone, with its strip mill for wide sheets and modern flat-rolling plant, will cost some £30 million, apart from 25 million for preparing the site. Sixty miles of railway track will run through the works area.

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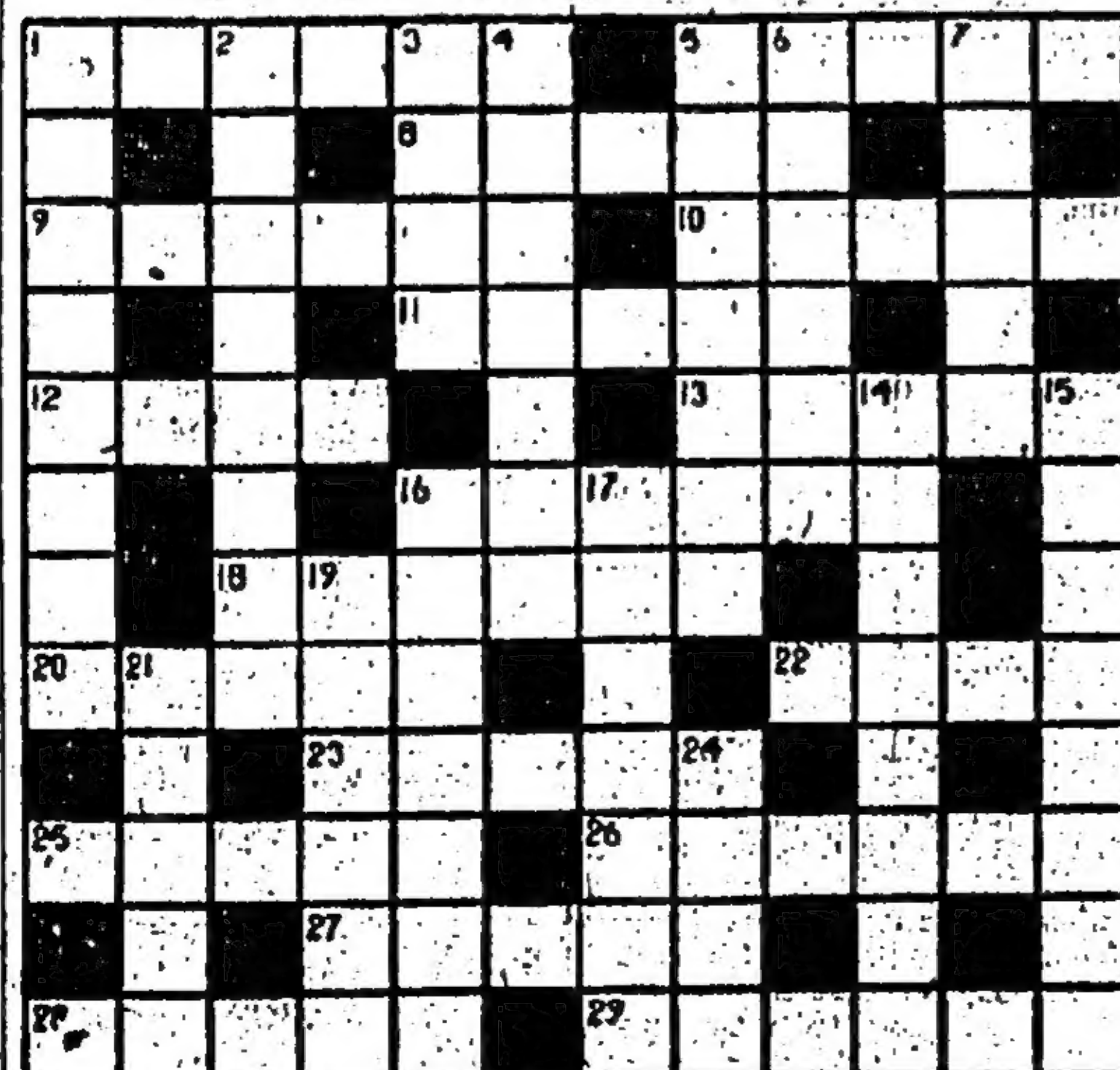
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Soviet Industry Stepping Up The Tempo

Moscow, Nov. 12.

Recent stories in the Soviet press indicate that Russian industry and transport are increasing their tempo and putting new units in operation. These brief announcements underline Foreign Minister Molotov's recent statement that the Soviet Union last month exceeded the prewar level of industrial production.

Statistics, as usual, gave only the percentages of fulfilment claimed by an industry under the five-year plan. Recent press announcements include:—

A second turbine generator went into operation at the Dnieper River dam. The director promised to have a third unit in operation by the end of November.

The reconstructed railway wheel shop at Dnepro-Petrovsk, largest in the Soviet Union, resumed operation.

At Rostov, one of the Union's largest agricultural machinery plants began large-scale production of new model combines and other farming tools.

Collective farms fulfilled the year's quota by sowing considerably more winter crops than last year.

Railways reported a 15 per cent increase in operations in October over the same period a year ago.

The Merchant Marine was operating one-third above last year.

The medicine industry fulfilled the year's quota. Tractor production was 130 per cent over January. The Stalingrad tractor factory production surpassed the prewar output last month.

The electric power industry was 5 per cent above its quota for October and 18 per cent over last year's figure.

Oil Output

The oil industry announced its Eastern and Southern fields exceeded their quotas in October, with the East producing 30 per cent more than a year ago and the South 16 per cent more.

The Nevymonysk canal went into operation irrigating 10,000 acres of Kuban wheat lands.

A large automobile plant was opened at Ulyanovsk, producing trucks.

The chemical industry exceeded its October quota by 17 per cent.

The coal industry was below its quota for the third quarter.

Railways hauled only 92.5 per cent of their quota.—Associated Press.

London Stock Markets

London, Nov. 11. Gift-edged provided the main item of interest in otherwise quiet markets, with a sharp rise, particularly for Consol—and Treasury—2½%, which closed 3½ per cent higher after being 1½ higher.

Industrial shares were quiet throughout, although a firm tone prevailed, assisted by some bear covering.

Australian banking shares were again prominent, following the election results, with a continued upward tendency.

Oils failed to hold the previous day's rally and were easier where changed. Except for speculative activity in non-producers for which the Cape was largely responsible, Kafirs were quiet.—Reuter.

H.K. Stock Exchange

Signs of a little more life were apparent but buyers were not expensive in their bids. Closing rates noon.

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SHANGHAI DRAWS LEVEL

Interport Bowls Struggle

Shanghai thoroughly deserved their first victory on the local greens when they defeated Hong Kong by eight shots in the second of the Interport series at Craigengower Cricket Club yesterday.

The vast improvement in the visiting rink clearly indicated a much better understanding between the players than they revealed on Sunday.

The high standard of play showed that Tommy Main and his merry men had discarded their "sea legs" and that Tuesday's breather had done them a world of good.

Fred Madar improved beyond recognition and, it might safely be assumed, was up to that degree of proficiency he usually displayed in Shanghai. For Luz made a most creditable opponent as the Recreation Representative was an excellent lead.

Jackie Noronha played a brilliant game but Passos had a slight edge on him. Many a time, the Shanghai No. 2 sent down some beautiful shots or took Hong Kong out.

K.M. Omar played an inspired game at the beginning, but cracked up badly after the 10th head. Tony Gutierrez, on the other hand, did not again look Hong Kong out to save his skin.

Tommy Main, the Shanghai skip, revealed his true form. He made one or two bad shots, like U.M. Omar, but, on the whole, showed that he is a bowler who can reach some of the best in a thing or two about lawn bowls.

The game itself was one of the best seen so far, as both sides gave of their best.

The Opening

Shanghai won the toss and Madar tossed the jack to a medium to long head. The Shanghai lead's first wicket was 6 inches high, while Luz drew 6 ins. short from Jack. Madar was a yard short on the second wicket and Luz carried the jack to the two.

Passos carried the jack for shot. Jackie Noronha rested Passos' wound. Then Tony Gutierrez came through to get the shot but K.M. Omar came to the rescue by drawing it. Gutierrez again came through for the shot but K.M. Omar more came to the rescue. Neither skip made any change, and Hong Kong drew first blood for one.

The local skip was lucky to score a two on the second head as U.M. Omar was lying one, after taking Shanghai out, when Main's second wicket promoted Hong Kong.

Shanghai scored a single on the third end, followed by a double on the next, to tie the score at three-all. A beautiful shot by Main with his last wicket on the 5th gave him a three, and a lead of 4-3.

Hong Kong equalised by a one and a two on the next two ends but had to concede three singletons on the following heads. A two on the 11th lowered the deficit to one.

With his last wicket, Main took Hong Kong out to a single for his risk on the 12th end. U.M. Omar led for the last time on the following end when he chalked up a three.

The Closing Heads

From the 14th head, with the score at 11-11, the local players failed to build the visitors for over the last seven heads Omar was only able to score three singletons on the last head.

Two wickets for Shanghai three shots ahead by the 17th end. Then, lying three to the jack, Shanghai was given another by U.M.'s last wicket to register the only four in the whole match.

Trailing 12-19, Hong Kong's cause was practically lost, two singles on the 19th and 20th being insufficient to redeem the situation. These two shots were countered by a three by Shanghai on the last head.

Hong Kong thus lost the Second Interport by 14 shots to 22, against Shanghai's loss of 14-19 in the first game.

Head scores were as follows:

J.A. Luz	F.O. Madar	J.E. Noronha	C.L. Passos	A.M. Omar	A.M. Gutierrez	U.M. Omar (Skip)	T.G. Main (Skip)
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
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22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22

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Acquitted In Shanghai

Shanghai, Nov. 12. Mr. Roland Sarig, former Deputy of the French Municipal Police charged with enemy collaboration, was acquitted at the Shanghai High Court yesterday after a retrial.

His appeal to the Supreme Court in Nanjing resulted in a retrial.—Reuter.

SEEKING FOURTH DIVISION

London, Nov. 11. Southern clubs on the fringe of the Football League revived the idea of a Fourth Division when they met in London today.

The clubs behind this latest move are now playing in the Southern League. They are Colchester, Gillingham, Chelmsford, Gravesend, Dartford and Guildford.

These are the clubs that make an annual bid almost hopeless application for election to the Third Division of the League.—Reuter.

Hughes Enquiry Re-Opened

Washington, Nov. 11. Maj. Gen. Bennett Meyers (retired) said today that Howard Hughes offered him US\$100,000 a year ago if he could get the West Coast millionaire's motion picture, "The Outlaw," approved for showing in New York.

Mr. O'Dwyer said he told Meyers the ban would stand until Hughes "cleaned up" the movie.

The former Air Force procurement officer made the charge before the Senate War Investigating sub-committee looking into Hughes' wartime plane contracts.

Meyers also asserted that statements that he had tried to get a postwar job contract and a US\$200,000 loan from Hughes were "plain, unadorned lies."—United Press.

H.K. MANILA INTERPORT

Arrangements have been concluded by Mr. Sebastian Ugarite, President of the Manila Football Club, with the Hong Kong Football Association, whereby Hong Kong will send a strong combined Hong Kong Chinese team to play Lien Wah (Malayan Chinese) in Manila during the latter's forthcoming visit to that port.

Negotiations have also been completed for a team from Manila to visit Hong Kong during the Chinese New Year holidays.

VICTORIA WELL BEATEN

Adelaide, Nov. 12. Scoring 87 runs in 63 minutes, South Australia beat Victoria, holders of the trophy, by nine wickets in an exciting finish to the Sheffield Shield match.

South Australia scored 87 for one, and won with 20 minutes to spare, Hamman scoring 42 not out.—Reuter.

PLANES BANNED DURING WEDDING

London, Nov. 12. Civil aircraft will be banned from Central London from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. GMT on November 20, the day of the Royal wedding.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation, in an urgent notice today, defined the area as being a three-mile circle with centre at Trafalgar Square.—Reuter.

London, Nov. 11.

An 11-member all-party Anglo-Italian Parliamentary Committee was formed tonight in the House of Commons. The Committee will hold its first meeting next week.—Reuter.

Tennis Exhibition Matches Planned

A two-day tennis exhibition by four professionals from Shanghai will be held this week-end at the Chinese Recreation Club in aid of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association.

The professionals, on a tour of South China, are Tsai Ho-fah, Wong Miao-sung, Wu Sung-ling and Raoul Canavaro, the latter well-known in Hong Kong having played in inter-port matches.

The four-man team has already played a series of matches in Macao, and intend to visit Canton after completing their programme in the Colony.

At the CRC on Saturday, Canavaro will play against Tsai, and Wong Miao-sung against Wu. On Sunday, Tsai will play against Wong, and Wong Miao-sung against Wu.

The matches are scheduled to start at 3 p.m. on both days. Tickets at \$3 each can be obtained at the entrance. Major C.W.L. Way will umpire the matches.

In His Fifties

Canavaro, now in his 50's, started playing tennis at the age of 11. At 16 he won the Macao Tennis Championship.

Marihuana Seizure

Sydney, Nov. 11. The largest quantity of marihuana ever found in Australia was seized by Customs men in a raid on the United States liner "Marine Phoenix." There were 100,000 lbs. of the drug in 100,000 small packets.

Each man was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour after the Customs prosecutor described the drug as a "heavy stimulant and aid for a heavy penalty."—United Press.

Jap Cabinet Under Fire

Tokyo, Nov. 12. Social Democrat Tetsu Katayama's cabinet came under fire from both Left and Right as 100,000 upland workers demonstrated in front of the Imperial Palace today, warning that they might stage a movement to crush the coalition cabinet "if the present situation continues."

Makoto Kan, of Japan's largest labour organisation—the National Congress of Industrial Organisations—complained the workers had supported the Katayama Cabinet but the cabinet this far "has done practically nothing for the workers."

The NCIO is generally considered Communist-dominated.—United Press.

SING TAO HELD TO A DRAW

Sing Tao 2 Malayan Chinese 2

In a game marred by frequent fouls and culminating in the referee giving "marching orders" to Soong Ling-sing, the Sing Tao pivot, Malayan Chinese, fighting back gamely after being two goals down, forced Sing Tao to a two-all draw on the Navy Ground at Causeway Bay yesterday.

Malayan Chinese, who dropped two of the players who helped them to beat Hong Kong by one-nil on Sunday last, did not display the same high standard of football as shown in their initial match.

Chu Chee Seng, Malayan goalie, was in brilliant form and but for his fine showing, his side might have gone down to a heavy defeat.

Yeung Kah Cheung and Tan Kai Han, full backs, were robust in their tackling and by their promptitude, frustrated many attempts by the opposing forwards to manoeuvre into a favourable position.

"The half-back line acquitted itself creditably against an exceedingly formidable attack. There was, however, a tendency to leave the wingers unmarked, with the result that Sing Tao were usually able to take the ball into the Malayan goal area rapidly, without much hindrance."

The Malayan forward line was disjointed.

Time after time, the ball was taken up and passed into the centre, but nobody was in position and Sing Tao were able to clear their lines with ease.

When a man was in position to receive the ball, and he was tackled, there was no-one to whom he could pass advantageously.

Sing Tao gave a first-class exhibition and were definitely unlucky not to get the revenge which they were so anxious to obtain for the defeat which they suffered at the hands of Malayan Chinese while en-route to England.

On countless occasions, crashing shots which had Chu Chee Seng beaten all the way, either grazed the crossbar or struck the upright.

Chu Shu-hang, in the Sing Tao goal, was not up to scratch. He gave away the first goal.

Of the two backs, Hsu Yung-sang was the more reliable and the straffer, although Hsu King-seng gave better performance than he has been looking for some time past.

The half-back line by fine positioning and anticipation, completely neutralized the Malayan Chinese attack. It was a pity that they were sooted to doubtful tactics and rough play.

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Sing Tao were the first to become dangerous. Chu Chee-sing included a dangerous shot from Lai Shiu-wing, which was well saved by Chu Shu-hang.

Chu Wing-keung, ten minutes after the start, Ho Yin-fun received, dashed down the right and centred to Chu Wing-keung, who netted with an unstoppable overhead hook shot which crashed into the top of the net with Chu Chee-sing helplessly beaten.

Embarrassed by this success, Sing Tao dominated the game, with the whole team continually sweeping up the field in well executed movements.

The Malayan defence had a trying time, but succeeded in "smothering" hard drives from all sides.

Just before half time, Malayan Chinese missed a fine chance of a goal when Chu Shu-hang, who had been well placed, failed to shoot.

Crossing over, Sing Tao were early on the offensive and went further ahead from a penalty taken by Lai Shiu-wing for "hands."

The Malayan Chinese put more life into their play after this reverse and began to show more signs of coordination.

Following a concerted attack on the Sing Tao goal, Chu Shu-hang, who had been well placed, failed to shoot.

Chu Shu-hang could have saved if he had exerted himself.

Sing Tao returned in the attack and the Malayan Chinese defence was again subjected to a sustained onslaught.

Breaking away, the Malaysians took the ball into the Sing Tao area and were awarded a penalty for go in.

MARSHALL URGES SPEEDY AID TO EUROPE

Washington, Nov. 11. The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, continuing his plea for quick and early aid to war-stricken countries, today said the Government will ask Congress for about US\$300,000,000 to help China.

Mr. Marshall said the proposed U.S. spending in China would be about US\$20,000,000 a month, indicating that the aid would spread over a 15-month period.

Under questioning by the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mr. Vandenberg, Mr. Marshall estimated that the United States overall foreign aid programme would require about \$2,657,000,000 in new appropriations for the current fiscal year ending next June 30.

Mr. Marshall said these new appropriations would be subdivided into \$597,000,000 immediate emergency aid to Austria, France and Italy; \$500,000,000 more for the Army in occupied areas; \$1,500,000,000 for the first instalment of the long-range Marshall Plan; and \$60,000,000 for the first instalment of aid to China.

Mr. Marshall said he could not present the details of the China programme at the moment due to the intricacy of the Chinese problems. He explained:—

"In Europe we have a basis for approaching the problem of stabilizing currency."

Mr. Marshall said inflation of the Chinese dollar has reached an "extraordinary degree" and the military budget is sapping the resources of the country. He added that State Dept. has been trying to draw up concrete proposals since May.

"We think we now have an approach which we can present to the Congress."

Mr. Marshall also said, under questioning by Mr. Vandenberg, that more funds probably would be asked under the Greek-Turkish aid programme but probably not for this fiscal year.

He said the United States must make Germany self-sufficient without restoring her war potential.

At the same time, he charged that other countries were guilty of "perversion of facts" in claiming that the United States sought to rearm Germany and rebuild her war potential.

He answered by saying that the present situation in Europe is "not a simple one" and that the United States "does not require a description." But then he said that there was "no such a division would be made permanent."

Mr. Marshall said Germany comprises the "heart of Europe, particularly in Europe's economic life." He said that Germany is not rebuilt economically the United States will have to pay an "interminable price" for years of "unstable peace."

He said that the United States "must have a rough estimate of the cost of rebuilding Europe. If we do not, we are liable to be borne by American taxpayers."

The Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Lovett, at Mr. Marshall's side, emphasized the China spending figures were "not firm" as yet but comprised a rough estimate. American aid for China appeared to be directly from the still secret report recently made to F. Trumpan by Lt. General "Jimmy" H. H. H. H.

Greater Risk
Mr. Lovett Douglas, U.S. Ambassador to Britain, assured the Committee that the British Government would do its utmost to fulfil its coal production plan under the Marshall Plan.

Supporting the European programme, Mr. Douglas said, "If we take no action, it is impossible to expect any restoration of stability in western Europe."

Speaking of British coal production, Mr. Douglas warned against comparing American and British production figures and geographical positions were different.

He warned that the United States would be taking increasingly greater risks by doing nothing than by taking action.

"If we do act we may, and possibly will, lay the foundation of lasting peace, which will relieve the fears which haunt and bedevil Europe. If we do not act, then men's minds will take hold of queer and dangerous ideas that will end in resulting chaos."—United Press and Reuter.

Hasik To Die
Bratislava, Nov. 11. The Slovak National Court today sentenced Stefan Hasik, Minister of Defence in wartime independent Slovakia, to death by shooting and gave prison terms ranging from two to 30 years to eight co-defendants.

They were charged with establishing and maintaining the Slovak state of Dr. Josef Tiso under the Nazis.

Dr. Stefan Tiso, former premier and brother of the deceased former Slovak President, was sentenced to 10 years with hard labour.—United Press.

The condition of King Paul of Greece, who is suffering from an attack of typhoid, continues to be good today's bulletin stated.—Reuter.

Maniu Gets Life Sentence

Bucharest, Nov. 11. Dr. Iuliu Maniu, the veteran Rumanian Peasant Party leader, was sentenced to hard labour for life today for treason. Dr. Ion Mihalache, Vice-President of the Party, was also sentenced to hard labour for life.

The death penalty has been abolished in Rumania.

Dr. Iuliu Maniu, 74-year-old leader of the Rumanian National Peasant Party, twice Prime Minister and the man who brought King Carol back to his throne in 1930, is the son of a peasant. He entered the Rumanian Parliament in 1906 as a representative of the Rumanian minority.

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